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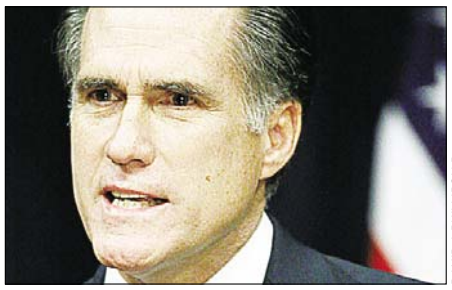

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Panda's Right at Home in the Snow

CHILLING: Tai Shan, the 2-year-old giant panda cub at Smithsonian's National Zoo, surveys the season's first major snowfall from high in a tree on Thursday. Native to central China, where snow is common, giant pandas are somewhat better suited to snowy conditions than many Washingtonians.

CIA Says Key Tapes Destroyed

Agency admits it eliminated video of harsh interrogations

WASHINGTON | The CIA videotaped its interrogations of two top terror suspects in 2002 and destroyed the tapes three years later out of fear they would leak to the public and compromise the identities of U.S. questioners, the director of the agency told employees Thursday.

CIA Director Michael Hayden said House and Senate intelligence committee leaders were informed of the existence of the tapes and the CIA's intention to destroy them.

He said the CIA began taping the interrogations as an internal check on the program after President Bush authorized the use of harsh questioning methods. The methods included waterboarding, which simulates drowning, government officials said.

The CIA decided to destroy the tapes in "the absence of any legal or internal reason to keep them," Hayden said in a written message to CIA employees, obtained by The Associated Press.

"The tapes posed a serious security risk," he wrote. "Were they ever to leak, they would permit identification of your CIA colleagues who had served in the program, exposing them and their families to retaliation from al-Qaeda and its sympathizers." (AP)

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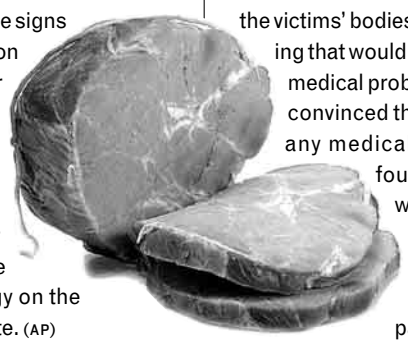
Rolls for Passover! Meat on Fridays!

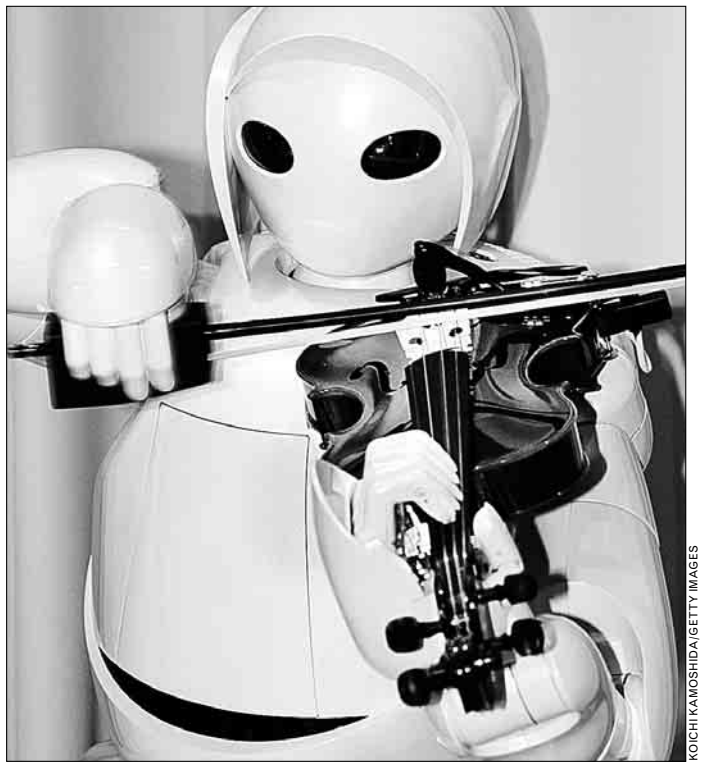
A grocery store in Manhattan made a food faux pas, advertising hams as "Delicious for Chanukah." Chanukah, an alternate spelling for Hanukkah, is the eight-day Jewish holiday that began Tuesday evening, and hams as well as pork and other products from pigs can't be eaten, under Jewish dietary laws. A woman who saw the mistake at the Balducci's store on 14th Street took pictures of the signs and posted them on her blog. Jennifer Barton, director of marketing, said the signs were changed as soon as the error was noted. She issued an apology on the company Web site. (AP)



GULLIBLE

Fictional Satellite Says You're Stupid

A Monroe, La., man was sentenced to more than four years in prison for bilking friends and family out of more than $800,000 by convincing them that his wife was a government agent who could arrange to have their medical problems diagnosed by satellite imaging. Brent and Stacey Finley told numerous people that Stacey Finley was a CIA agent and could schedule a medical scan of the victims' bodies by satellite imaging that would detect any hidden medical problems. The Finleys convinced their victims that, if any medical problems were found, secret agents would administer medicine to them as they slept in exchange for payment. (AP)



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USEFUL

You Need This

Toyota's new robot played a pretty solid "Pomp and Circumstance" on the violin this Thursday in Tokyo. "We want to create robots that are useful for people in everyday life," said Toyota President Katsuaki Watanabe. (AP)

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SELF-PROMOTION

Or, Read Our Gift Guide in Styles

Stumped about what to give that special someone? How about rhino dung? The International Rhino Foundation is auctioning separately on eBay four pieces from the endangered species and will use the proceeds to fund conservation efforts. The pieces come from four of the five types of rhino: white, black, Indian and Sumatran. The Javan rhino is so rare, a sample could not be collected. Each piece is mounted in a clear trophy case and marked with the type of rhino that produced it. (AP)

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NEW TERRITORY: Scientists have the first evidence that those "reprogrammed stem cells" that made headlines last month really have the potential to treat disease: They used skin from the tails of sick mice to cure the rodents of sickle cell anemia.

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In Brief

CRAIG RUBADOUX/AP

Space shuttle Atlantis was supposed to launch from Florida on Thursday.

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

NASA Forced to Delay Launch of Shuttle Atlantis

NASA called off Thursday's launch of space shuttle Atlantis after detecting problems with a pair of fuel gauges in its big external tank, a recurring problem ever since the Columbia disaster. Shuttle managers said they would try again Friday, provided the problem can be solved quickly. "We're keeping all our options open," said launch director Doug Lyons. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Alexander Wins Leadership Position in Republican Party

Senate Republicans chose Lamar Alexander of Tennessee to be their third-ranking leader Thursday, turning aside a bid by Richard Burr of North Carolina. He succeeds Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl, who was unopposed in ascending to the second-highest party post, Republican whip. Kyl replaces Mississippi Sen. Trent Lott, who is resigning from the Senate. (AP)

White House Details Rate Freeze

Bush says initiative to help homeowners is a 'sensible response'

WASHINGTON | Distraught homeowners facing the grim prospect of rising mortgage payments found hope Thursday that they can hold onto their houses by qualifying for a five-year freeze in loan rates.

The plan is the Bush administration's biggest move yet to show it is dealing aggressively with the mortgage crisis. The escalating problem is becoming a political issue and threatening to push the country into a recession.

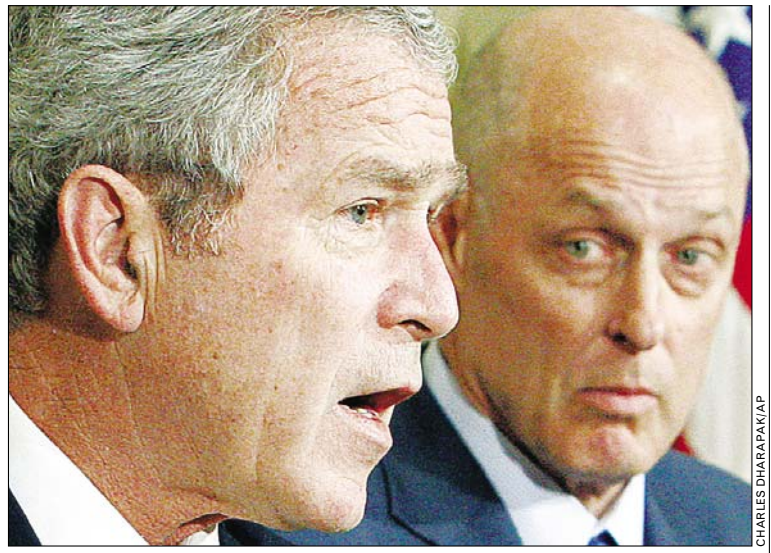
"The holidays are fast approaching, and this will be a time of anxiety for Americans worried about their mortgages and their homes," Bush said. The administration's efforts, he said, are "a sensible response to a serious challenge."

The initiative would hold down rates for certain subprime mortgages, which are loans offered to borrowers with weak credit histories.

The administration hopes the rate freeze will slow the pace of foreclosures, buying time for the housing market to stabilize and begin to recover.

The freeze will be available only to homeowners who have not fallen behind on their payments at the lower introductory rates and who are living in the homes. This requirement would exclude people who bought investment properties hoping to profit from the housing boom.

Also excluded from the rate freeze are people who can afford the higher payments. The administration expects these people will move as soon as they can to refinance to more affordable fixed-rate loans. MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

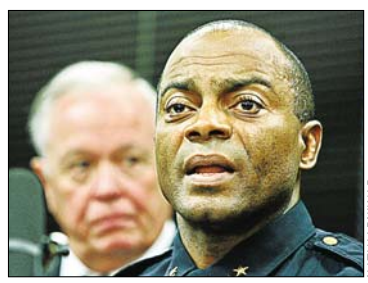
Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, right, looks on as President Bush announces a new plan to help homeowners who are struggling to pay rising mortgage rates.

> "This will be a time of anxiety for Americans worried about their mortgages and their homes."
>
> PRESIDENT BUSH

Shooter May Have Concealed Rifle

Surveillance video catches gunman who killed 8, self at mall

OMAHA, NEB. | The teenage gunman who went on a shooting rampage in a department store may have smuggled an assault rifle into the mall underneath clothing, police said Thursday.



NATI HARNIK/AP

Omaha Police Chief Thomas Warren speaks at a news conference Thursday.

Police Chief Thomas Warren said the young man "appeared to be concealing something balled up in a hooded sweatshirt" he was carrying, according to a surveillance video.

The teen entered the store Wednesday using an elevator, and moments later, gunfire pierced through the notes of Christmas music at the Westroads Mall's Von Maur department store. People huddled in dressing rooms and barricaded themselves in offices as 19-year-old Robert A. Hawkins sprayed the floor with bullets.

Six store employees and two customers were killed. When the shooting was over, Hawkins shot himself.

The mall was closed Thursday as authorities continued to investigate what may have motivated the teen to go on the shooting spree. OSKAR GARCIA (AP)

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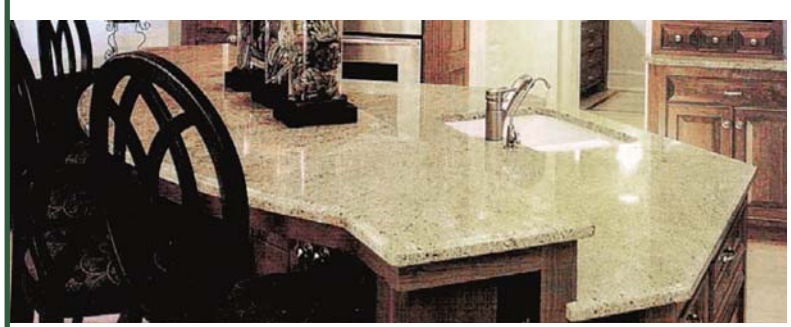

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House OKs Fuel Standards

Bill would mandate better auto efficiency for first time since '75

WASHINGTON | The House approved the first increase in federal automobile fuel efficiency requirements in three decades Thursday as part of an energy bill that also repeals billions of dollars in oil company tax breaks and encourages the use of renewable fuels.

The bill, passed by a vote of 235-181, faces a certain filibuster in the Senate and a veto threat from the White House.

Democrats characterized the legislation as "a new direction" in energy policy away from dependence on fossil fuels. But Republicans said the actions amount to government mandates that would lead to higher energy prices while doing little to spur production of more domestic oil or natural gas — fuels they say will remain essential.

"We will send our energy dollars to the Midwest, not the Middle East," countered House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, referring to the bill's emphasis on promoting renewable energy sources, especially ethanol, which would see a sevenfold increase by 2022 to 36 billion gallons a year.

The centerpiece of the bill is a requirement to boost automobile fuel economy by 40 percent to an industry average of 35 miles per gallon by 2020, the first such increase since 1975. H. JOSEF HEBERT (AP)

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., says the energy bill passed by the House on Thursday will promote the use of alternative energy sources such as ethanol.

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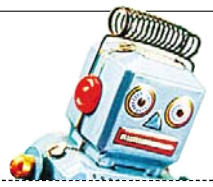

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Romney Confronts Faith Question

Republican says he will not be beholden to his church if elected

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS | With his campaign at a crossroads, Republican Mitt Romney said Thursday his Mormon faith should neither help nor hinder his quest for the White House and vowed to serve the interests of the nation, not the church, if elected president.

"When I place my hand on the Bible and take the oath of office, that oath becomes my highest promise to God," Romney said in a speech that explicitly recalled remarks John F. Kennedy made in 1960 in an effort to quell anti-Catholic bias.

After declining for months to address the issue of his Mormonism directly, Romney switched course as polls showed widespread unease about his religion — and showed him losing his once-sizable lead in the opening Iowa caucuses to Mike Huckabee, a Baptist minister and former governor of Arkansas.

BEN SKLAR/GETTY IMAGES

Presidential hopeful Mitt Romney hugs David Nierenberg after speaking about his Mormon faith on Thursday at the George Bush Presidential Library in Texas.

> "Religious tolerance would be a shallow principle indeed if it were reserved only for faiths with which we agree."
>
> **MITT ROMNEY**, REPUBLICAN

Romney said some believe that a forthright embrace of his faith will "sink my candidacy. If they are right, so be it. But I think they underestimate the American people."

"Americans tire of those who would jettison their beliefs, even to gain the world," he said.

In speaking frankly about his beliefs, he hoped to reassure other Christians about his intent.

"Let me assure you that no authorities of my church, or of any other church for that matter, will ever exert influence on presidential decisions," he pledged. "Their authority is theirs, within the province of church affairs, and it ends where the affairs of the nation begin."

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He assailed "the religion of secularism" he said was creeping into American life and drew chuckles from his invited audience as he complained that Europe's picturesque cathedrals are largely empty amid societies "too busy or just too 'enlightened' to venture inside and kneel in prayer."

Romney's rivals generally steered clear of comment on the speech, but Huckabee said Romney's religion has no bearing on whether he would be a good president.

GLEN JOHNSON (AP)

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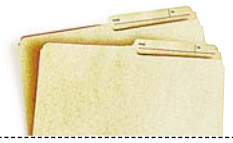

LAST SKETCH: A long-missing Michelangelo sketch for the dome of St. Peter's Basilica, possibly his last design before his death, has been discovered in the basilica's offices, the Vatican newspaper reported on Thursday.

REMY DE LA MAUVINIERE/AP

Police officers work at the scene of a parcel bomb blast in Paris Thursday.

Parcel Explosion Kills 1 in Paris

PARIS | A package bearing homemade bombs blew up Thursday in a lawyer's office on a tony boulevard in central Paris, killing the woman who opened it. The motive for the unusual attack remained unclear.

The building also housed a law firm co-founded by President Nicolas Sarkozy and a Holocaust research foundation. Officials said neither appeared to be targeted.

A messenger delivered the package, a wooden box that turned out to contain two homemade explosive devices, Interior Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said. (AP)

Pakistani Lawyers Rally

Former PM Sharif is blocked from home of deposed chief justice

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Thousands of lawyers boycotted courts across Pakistan on Thursday, hoisting black flags and staging rallies to demand an end to emergency rule. Police blocked former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif from approaching the guarded home of the deposed Supreme Court chief justice.

Riot police turned out en masse and blocked the route to the official residence of Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry with concrete and steel barriers and barbed wire. Sharif led his followers to the blockade and addressed them briefly before they dispersed peacefully, defusing a potential showdown.

Chaudhry has been under house arrest since Nov. 3, when President Pervez Musharraf declared a state of emergency and dismissed most of the Supreme Court justices.

AAMIR QURESHI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Pakistani lawyers lead a demonstration calling for the release of deposed Supreme Court Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry in Islamabad on Thursday.

Representatives of his two biggest rivals — former prime ministers Sharif and Benazir Bhutto — announced they had finished work on a list of 15 demands for the government to ensure their participation in Jan. 8 parliamentary elections. They would not specify the demands, but they are expected to include restoring an independent judiciary and the constitution, and creating a neutral caretaker government and independent election commission. PAUL ALEXANDER (AP)

In Brief

MANAMA, BAHRAIN

Gates, Petraeus Optimistic About Security in Iraq

Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday he came away from his visit to Iraq feeling "very good about the direction of things in the security arena." His top U.S. commander in the country, Gen. David Petraeus, described a 60 percent drop in violence there in the past six months. Gates said Iraq now must take advantage of the improved security and move toward reforms. (AP)

GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

Yemeni Admits Knowledge Of Bin Laden's Role in Sept. 11

A Yemeni admitted he knew of Osama bin Laden's role in the Sept. 11 attacks, an FBI agent testified on Thursday. Salim Ahmed Hamdan told FBI agents that he had driven bin Laden in Afghanistan in an al-Qaeda convoy after Sept. 11 and overheard the leader say he had expected only 1,500 people to die, FBI agent George Crouch said. (AP)

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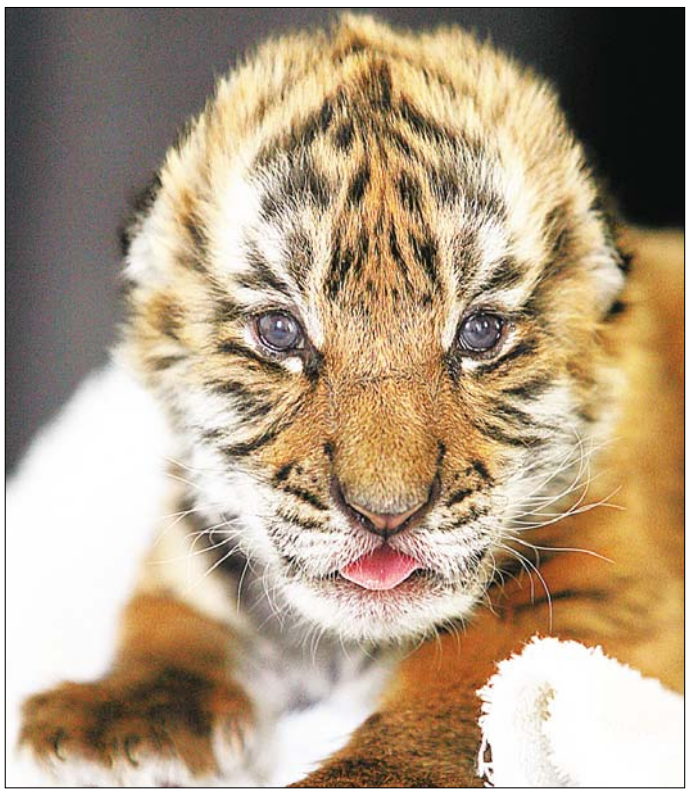

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NEWBORN CUB: A 13-day-old South China tiger cub sits still for the camera in Philippolis, South Africa, on Thursday. The cub, born on Nov. 23 at a reserve in South Africa, is the first of his species to be born in captivity.

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World

60 | **The percentage of the Amazon rainforest** that the World Wide Fund for Nature estimates will be destroyed by 2030, due to climate change and deforestation, according to a report released at the U.N. climate change conference in Bali on Thursday.

Climate Conference Alienates U.S.

At 2-week Bali summit, pressure mounts for U.S. to back global plan

BALI, INDONESIA | First, Australia won international support for abandoning the U.S. and signing a global warming pact Washington has long opposed. Then, a U.S. Senate committee voted for deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.

The Bush administration's position — that technology, private investment and economic growth (rather than mandatory emissions cuts) will save the planet from global warming — is taking a beating this week at a U.N. climate change conference in Indonesia.

The public defeats for the U.S. stance, coupled with warnings from scientists that only decisive action will cap rising temperatures, have cast Americans as wayward sons who need to rejoin the rest of the world.

DITA ALANGKARA/AP

Activists from Oxfam, an organization that seeks to end poverty and injustice, urge action on climate change policy outside the U.N. conference in Bali on Thursday.

The Bali conference is charged with launching negotiations that will eventually lead to an international accord to succeed the 1997 Kyoto Protocol on global warming.

Kyoto, which was rejected by the Bush administration, commits three dozen industrialized nations to cut their greenhouse gases an average of 5 percent below 1990 levels between next year and 2012, when it expires.

The U.S. mission arrived at Bali with the goal of blocking Kyoto-like mandatory cut targets from getting into the new agreement, while many other countries came in hopes of convincing Americans to participate in the deal. JOSEPH COLEMAN (AP)

Gas Blast at Coal Mine Kills 70 in Northern China

BEIJING | A gas blast at a mine in northern China killed at least 70 people Thursday, with 26 others still trapped, state media reported.

An additional 15 miners were rescued or managed to escape after the explosion at the Rui Zhiyuan coal mine near the city of Linfen in coal-rich Shanxi province, the Xinhua News Agency reported.

The State Administration for Work Safety said earlier in the day that 40 bodies had been recovered, while 74 were still trapped. Another 13 had been rescued. It was not immediately clear why the figures were different, but mine safety regulations are often loosely enforced, making it difficult to track how many people are working in a shaft. (AP)

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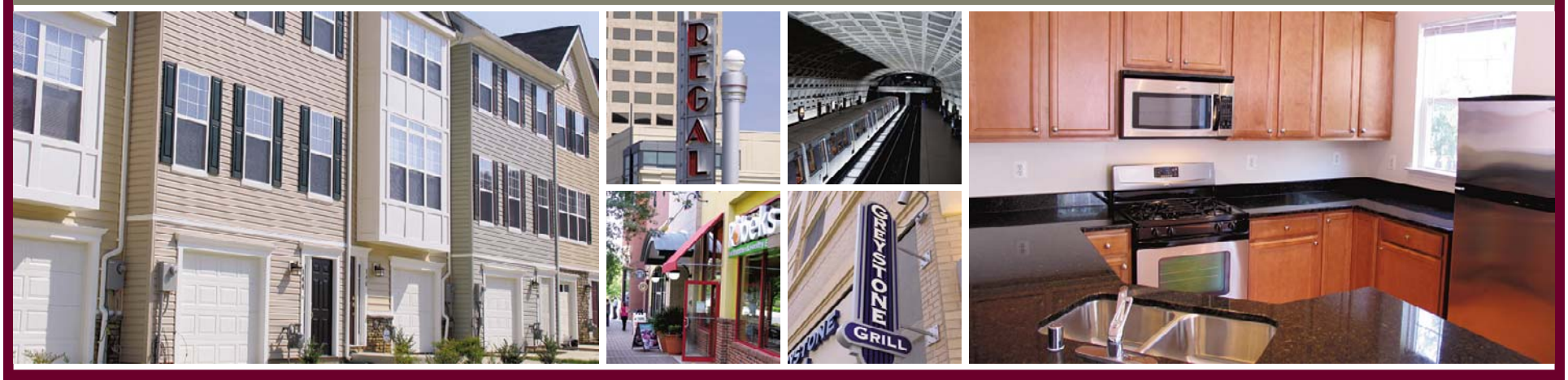

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Local

RICHMOND, VA. | KAINE ANNOUNCES DONORS PLAN

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, right, shown with early childhood teacher Cheryl Thompson and her class, announced at Blackwell Elementary School on Thursday the Virginia expansion of DonorsChoose.org, an award-winning nonprofit Web site that connects people with teachers who need resources for their classrooms.

D.C. to Collect Extra $50M

CFO Gandhi credits unexpected revenue to hot real estate market

The District government expects to collect $50 million in unexpected tax revenue for the first quarter of fiscal 2008, the second time in three months that the city has found an unanticipated windfall even as suburban jurisdictions have faced deficits.

The latest good news comes after D.C. finance officials said in September that the city would take in $100 million in unexpected revenues for fiscal 2007.

Chief Financial Officer Natwar M. Gandhi has credited the city's strong real estate market for the surplus. Although most of the country has suffered a downturn in property values, the District's commercial market has remained hot, and its housing market has not fallen as much as it as in other jurisdictions, officials said.

Gandhi

Gandhi also said the city has continued to reap the benefits of the hot market of a few years ago, because fees from deeds taxes sometimes lag.

Some council members, however, have complained that Gandhi routinely low-balls his revenue projections so that the city is sure to have a surplus each year.

D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, a Democrat, has proposed spending $81 million of the city's $100 million in excess revenue from 2007 on his effort to improve the public schools.

Government sources said the mayor will recommend allocating the new $50 million from 2008 on a plan to increase affordable housing. The D.C. Council is expected to vote on both of those spending proposals Dec. 11.

The news comes as Gandhi is embroiled with an ongoing scandal in the Office of Tax and Revenue. Two employees have been arrested and charged with stealing more than $20 million in false property tax refunds since at least 2001. A Washington Post investigation has determined that the amount of stolen money could reach $44 million.

DAVID NAKAMURA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Navy Chaplain Sentenced to 2 Years

QUANTICO, VA. | An HIV-positive Navy chaplain was sentenced to two years in prison Thursday after admitting he had sex with an Air Force officer without disclosing he had the virus and that he forced himself on a Naval Academy midshipman.

Lt. Cmdr. John Thomas Lee, 42, of Burke, Va., pleaded guilty to forcible sodomy with the midshipman, aggravated assault on the Air Force officer and other crimes after reaching a plea agreement with prosecutors at a court-martial at Quantico Marine Corps Base. The plea agreement limits his time in the brig to two years provided he complies with all conditions of the deal. One condition is a requirement that he inform medical authorities within the next 30 days of all his sexual contacts since learning in 2005 that he has the AIDS virus. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Dec. 6

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-0-3
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	3-4-2
Mid-day DC 4	6-6-1-9
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	8-8-7-7
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	8-11-15-17-32
Daily 6 (Wed.)	2-6-10-27-31-34 Bonus: 14
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	4-11-16-17-20 (4)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	4-3-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-4-0
Mid-day Pick 4	6-1-7-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-0-9-0
Match 5 (Wed.)	3-4-6-20-33 Bonus: 18
Lotto (Wed.)	2-10-16-21-22-39

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	1-8-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-7-3
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	8-8-0-8
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-5-4-3
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	7-11-13-18-32
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	4-5-17-23-30
Win for Life (Wed.)	11-12-30-32-35-42

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	1-8-15-21-55 (41)
Power Play	3X

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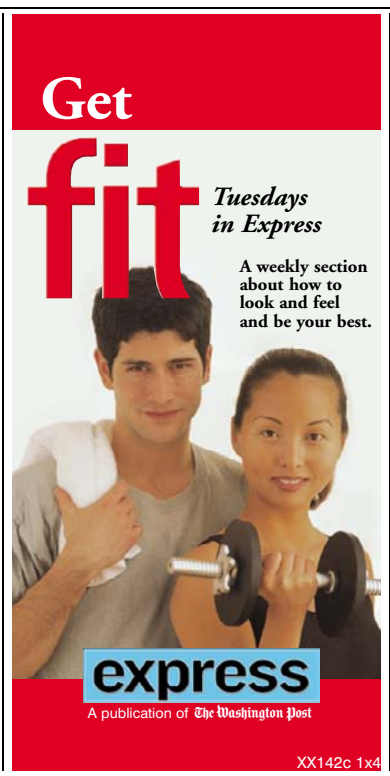

Money

NO CREDIT: This holiday season, consumers seem to be taking consumer debt seriously, according to a survey commissioned by the Financial Services Roundtable. More than half of customers polled said they are using cash or debit cards for this season's shopping.

Foreclosure Rate Continues to Rise

Delinquent payments on mortgages reach highest level since '86

WASHINGTON | Home foreclosures shot up to an all-time high in the third quarter, fresh evidence of the problems afflicting distressed homeowners amid the housing meltdown.

The Mortgage Bankers Association in its quarterly snapshot of the mortgage market released Thursday said that the percentage of all mortgages nationwide that started the foreclosure process jumped to a record high of 0.78 percent during the July-to-September period. That surpassed the previous high of 0.65 percent, which was set in the prior quarter.

More homeowners also fell behind on their monthly payments.

The delinquency rate for all mortgages climbed to 5.59 percent in the third quarter. That was up from 5.12 percent in the second quarter and was the highest since 1986, the association said.

Homeowners with spotty credit who have subprime adjustable-rate loans were especially hard hit. Foreclosures and late payments for these borrowers also reached all-time highs in the third quarter.

The association's survey covers more than 45 million home loans nationwide. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GlobCash lf	4.88	+1.82	+59.5
FleetEn	6.23	+1.41	+29.3
Methode	14.60	+3.18	+27.8
KrispKrm	3.24	+.69	+27.1
NovaStr rs	3.08	+.60	+24.2

Losers

VeriFone	20.20	-2.85	-12.4
CantelMed	16.11	-1.89	-10.5
FstMarb s	17.96	-1.97	-9.9
FamilyDlr	21.27	-1.92	-8.3
Indymac	8.05	-.70	-8.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Fuwei n h	6.75	+2.75	+68.8
LJ Intl lf	5.10	+1.58	+44.9
HokuSci	10.72	+1.85	+20.9
EnterMd n	10.66	+1.69	+18.8
Iomai	1.24	-.02	-1.6

Losers

UTiWrldwd	18.52	-4.95	-21.1
InnovSol	10.93	-2.78	-20.3
BabyUniv n	7.87	-1.64	-17.2
ChinaNRes	26.70	-4.80	-15.2
Zumiez	25.13	-4.22	-14.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4929	.4937	.5087
Canadian Dollar	1.0097	1.0169	1.1487
European Euro	.6834	.6840	.7527
Japanese Yen	111.40	110.55	115.26
Mexican Peso	10.8237	10.8613	10.8378
Taiwanese Dollar	32.42	32.42	32.31

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+174.93	+42.67	+22.33
+1.30	+1.60	+1.50
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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	58.15	-.01	+19.4
Allergan s	68.22	+.07	+13.9
AstraZen	46.54	-.04	-13.1
BarrPhm	53.79	-.02	+7.3
BrMySq	29.08	-.18	+11.7
CephIn	77.55	+2.24	+10.1
ForestLab	37.24	-.42	-26.4
Hospira	43.38	+.22	+29.2
JohnJn	68.30	+.09	+3.5
LillyEli	53.93	+.44	+3.5
Merck	59.50	+.10	+36.5
Pfizer	24.17	+.19	-6.7
SchergPl	31.08	-.11	+31.5
WarnerChil	18.46	-.26	+33.6
Wyeth	48.91	+.10	-3.9

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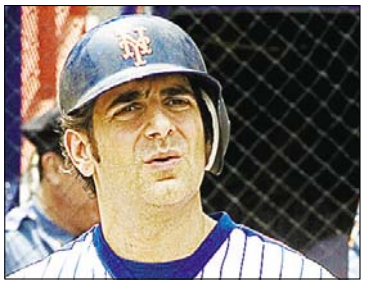

All in a Day

Michael Imperioli, lately of "The Sopranos," teams with Ellen Burstyn in Mitch Albom's "For One More Day," a tale of reconnection championed by Oprah Winfrey. **TV WEEK**

Prayer's Place

Should folks be prohibited from praying to Jesus at government meetings? The Rev. Hashmel Turner of Virginia thinks so, and he's making a federal case of it. **THE MAGAZINE**

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Music in the Air

Macon, Ga., blends Southern charm with endless musical lore

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MUSIC MECCA: Visitors at the Georgia Music Hall of Fame's Vintage Vinyl exhibit get a taste of the state's musical legacy.

IN TRAVEL | Little Richard welcomed me to Macon.

OK, it was a recording of Little Richard's voice, not the actual artist who sang "Long Tall Sally," "Good Golly, Miss Molly" and "Tutti Frutti," which, in June of this year, topped Mojo magazine's list of "100 Records That Changed the World."

Still, when you call the Macon-Bibb County Convention and Visitors Bureau, you can't help feeling happy when you hear a familiar voice shout, "Hi, this is Little Richard, the architect of rock and roll, talking to you from my home town of Macon, Georgia!"

Located on the banks of the Ocmulgee River, Macon is a town of 97,255 citizens, at last count. It's also an anthology of 19th- and early 20th-century architecture, from Federal and Victorian styles through art deco.

At the Georgia Music Hall of Fame, just two blocks from the visitors' center, the exhibits are organized as "villages," each devoted to a different genre: jazz and swing, gospel, rhythm and blues, country and so on. There's also a kids' area that features such hands-on displays as a drum kit and a composition station where you can press buttons, see notes appear on an overhead screen and then hear your opus played back.

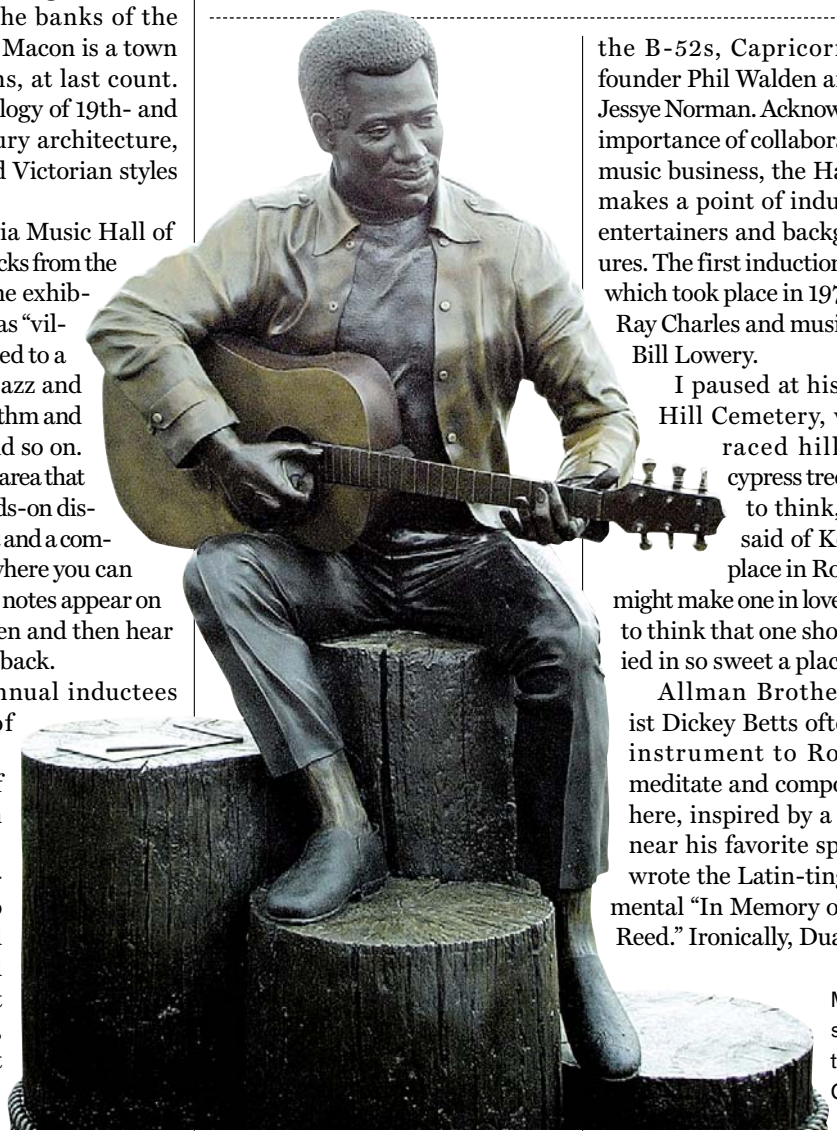
The list of annual inductees gives a sense of the extraordinary range of music found in a single state: There's Johnny Mercer, who wrote "That Old Black Magic" and "Moon River," but also James Brown, Lena Horne, Chet Atkins, groups like R.E.M. and the B-52s, Capricorn Records founder Phil Walden and soprano Jessye Norman. Acknowledging the importance of collaboration in the music business, the Hall of Fame makes a point of inducting both entertainers and background figures. The first induction ceremony, which took place in 1979, honored Ray Charles and music publisher Bill Lowery.

I paused at historic Rose Hill Cemetery, whose terraced hillsides and cypress trees allow one to think, as Shelley said of Keats' burial place in Rome, that "it might make one in love with death to think that one should be buried in so sweet a place."

Allman Brothers guitarist Dickey Betts often took his instrument to Rose Hill to meditate and compose, and it's here, inspired by a tombstone near his favorite spot, that he wrote the Latin-tinged instrumental "In Memory of Elizabeth Reed." Ironically, Duane Allman and fellow band member Berry Oakley died within 13 months and a few blocks of each other in separate motorcycle accidents in Macon, and they are buried beside each other in Rose Hill.

In downtown Macon, Southern hospitality takes the form of two-hour free street parking, which makes it easy to drive everywhere and park no more than a block from your destination. The people are gracious, too. Almost everyone I talked to claimed that Macon's musical heritage was something that meant a lot to outsiders, whereas locals took it in stride.

But the pride is evident; everyone has a story, and it takes only the mention of a Macon artist to tap a river of lore as wide as the Ocmulgee. DAVID KIRBY (SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST)



Macon's life-size statue of the legendary Otis Redding

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For more on Macon, Ga., some ideas for the perfect gifts for the traveler on your list, and an account of a visit to the Cartagena in Colombia, see the Travel section of Sunday's Washington Post.

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Sports Weekend

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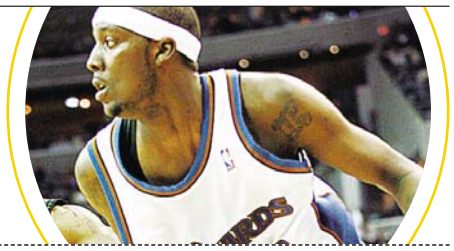

TV Lineup

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Tom Brady will have to play his "Tom Brady-est" to top the Steelers Sunday.

friday

7 P.M. The Wizards will have to work some serious magic to cool the red-hot Phoenix Suns as Nash, Stoudemire and Marion come to Verizon Center. CSN

7 P.M. The New Jersey Devils pulled off a miraculous comeback against the Boston Bruins Wednesday to increase their win streak to eight. The Caps will do everything they can to not become number nine. CSN+

saturday

2 P.M. The unranked Wolverines are at No. 7 Duke. They'd have a much better shot if this were football. CBS

6 P.M. The Big East meets the Big Ten as No. 15 Marquette heads to No. 23 Wisconsin. ESPN2.

7 P.M. The Caps begin a four-game home stretch against the Atlanta Thrashers. CSN

8 P.M. Will the Heisman go to last year's runner-up, this year's star sophomore or a prolific QB? ABC

sunday

1 P.M. Donovan McNabb could be back for the Eagles, whose fans are stupidly questioning that move. Of course, Eli Manning is still around for the Giants, whose fans stupidly love that. FOX

4:15 P.M. The last few weeks have shown that the Patriots are, indeed, human. Wrong time to lose that aura; the Steelers are looking fierce. CBS

7:30 P.M. The ACC gets a little jump-start when the Terps take on the BC Eagles. FSN

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This One Counts

More than a month before the ACC season starts, Terps are tested

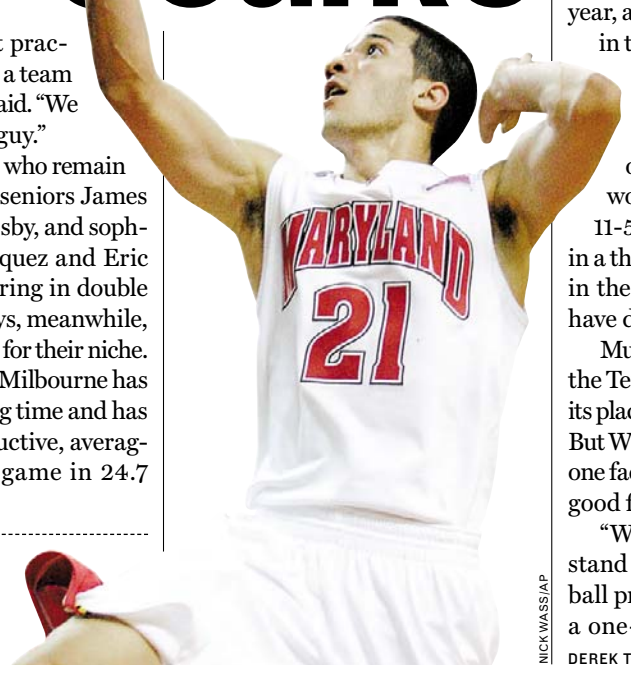
TERPS HOOPS | Call it a schedule quirk, a little curveball the Atlantic Coast Conference has been throwing out there in recent years.

The Maryland Terrapins (5-3) host Boston College (6-1) on Sunday, an ACC game a full month before the conference schedule really heats up.

The Terrapins, though, are still trying to find out who they are. With an influx of freshmen and sophomores into coach Gary Williams' playing rotation, the team has been inconsistent.

"We've basically been trying to sell it from the first practice that it's got to be a team this year," Williams said. "We don't have that one guy."

The four regulars who remain from last season — seniors James Gist and Bambale Osby, and sophomores Greivis Vasquez and Eric Hayes — all are scoring in double figures. The new guys, meanwhile, seem to be searching for their niche. Sophomore Landon Milbourne has seen the most playing time and has been the most productive, averaging 6.4 points per game in 24.7 minutes.



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Maryland's youngsters have to step up, but it's still too early to know which ones are ready.

Freshman center Braxton Dupree (4.5 ppg) has been starting lately, but mostly to warm up the spot for Osby. Freshmen Cliff Tucker (4.6 ppg), Adrian Bowie (4.1 ppg) and Jerome Burney (2.0 ppg) are getting significant minutes, but none has given Williams a true sense of what they can be.

"We've got to know what Cliff Tucker can do, what Braxton Dupree can do, if Jerome Burney can be a force inside," Williams said.

> "You look at the ACC this year, and who's the last-place team in the ACC? That's a tough thing to say."
>
> **GARY WILLIAMS**, MARYLAND COACH

That's what the early games are supposed to hash out. But in an unpredictable ACC, even Sunday's game could end up playing a significant role in the team's season.

"The thing that separates the ACC from a lot of conferences is the depth in the ACC," Williams said. "You look at the ACC this year, and who's the last-place team in the ACC? That's a tough thing to say."

One game can make a difference. For example, one more victory last season would have given Maryland an 11-5 conference record and put it in a three-way tie for the top record in the ACC. One more loss would have dropped them to fifth.

Much remains up in the air about the Terrapins' unproven roster and its place in the conference hierarchy. But Williams comforts himself with one fact: the Terps have been pretty good for a good long time.

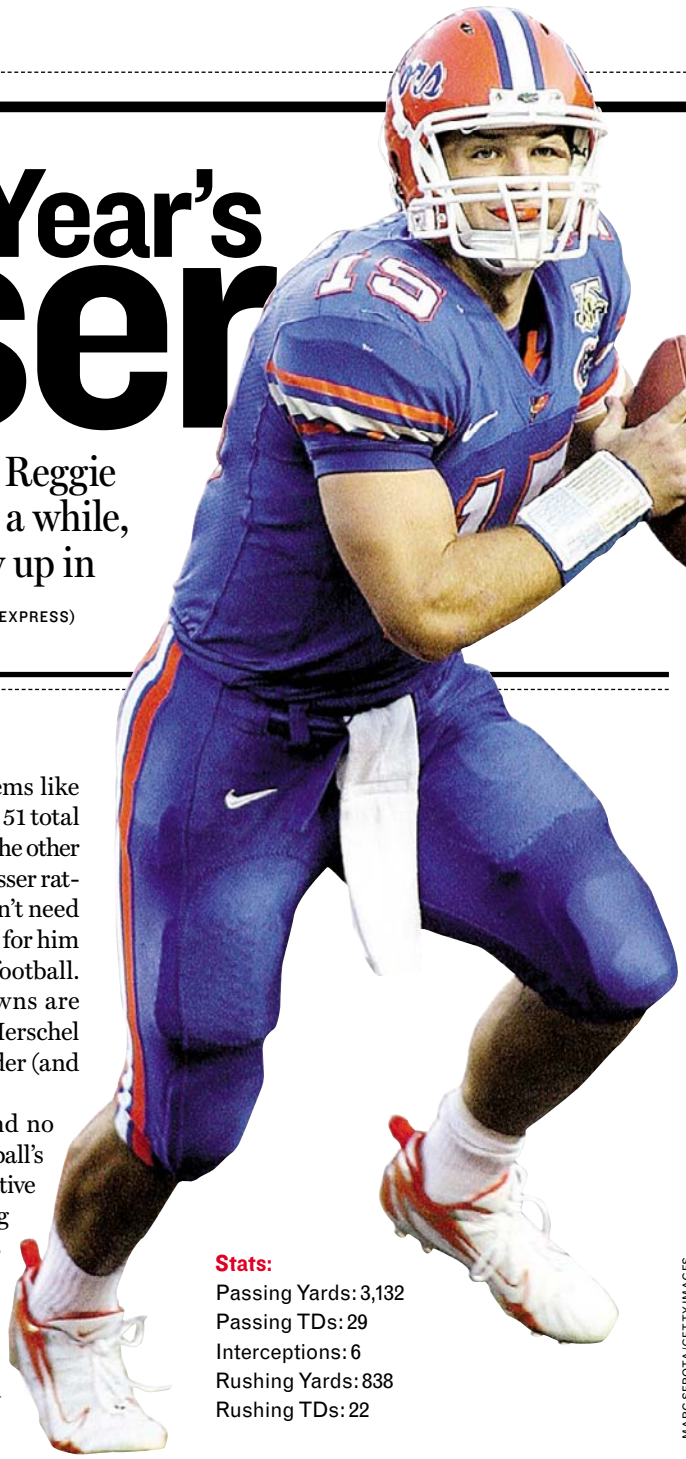
"What people have to understand is we're a very good basketball program — program, not just a one-year deal," Williams said.

DEREK TURNER

BASEBALL | Royally Bad Move Thursday morning, Jose Guillen finalized a three-year, $36 million deal with the Kansas City Royals. In the afternoon, he was suspended for the first 15 days of next season for violating baseball's drug policy. "We signed Jose knowing that was a possibility," Royals general manager Dayton Moore said of the free-agent outfielder. "While my initial reaction is one of disappointment, I am thoroughly convinced that Jose will put this behind him." What they aren't sure about is whether the former Nationals outfielder will improve their baseball team at all. (EXPRESS)

This Year's Poser

There's no Troy Smith; no Reggie Bush. For the first time in a while, the Heisman is completely up in the air. JAKE DEGRIGORIO AND IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)



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Tim Tebow

Sophomore quarterback, Florida

UPSIDE: Just look at the numbers. It seems like all Tebow does is score touchdowns. His 51 total touchdowns is head and shoulders above the other candidates in New York, and his 177.8 passer rating is second-best in the nation. You don't need the solicitor general to make a good case for him as the most talented player in college football. For instance, his 22 rushing touchdowns are the most in SEC history — more than Herschel Walker, Bo Jackson and Shaun Alexander (and Tebow's not a running back).

DOWNSIDE: Well, he's a sophomore, and no underclassman has ever won college football's most prestigious award. Since it's a subjective award, it's possible that his class standing will hurt him with the voters. Also, his Florida Gators (6-3) were just average this year, and you can make a case that a quarterback's job goes beyond just putting up huge numbers. Brennan was undefeated and Daniel had his team one win away from the BCS title game.

Stats:
Passing Yards: 3,132
Passing TDs: 29
Interceptions: 6
Rushing Yards: 838
Rushing TDs: 22

Chase Daniel

Junior quarterback, Missouri

UPSIDE: The most basic and important thing for a quarterback to have is a gun. Chase Daniel doesn't have one. The kid has a surface-to-air missile, and he loves to use it. He went to the air 217 more times than Tebow, with only four more interceptions, and 62 more times than Brennan with four fewer picks than the Hawaii QB.

DOWNSIDE: Unlike the other guys, Daniel wasn't feeling the Heisman hype at the beginning of the year, and that might hurt him. Also, he wasn't able to learn from his mistakes, falling to Oklahoma twice.

Stats:
Passing Yards: 4,170
Passing TDs: 33
Interceptions: 10
Rushing Yards: 284
Rushing TDs: 4

Colt Brennan

Senior quarterback, Hawaii

Stats:
Passing Yards: 4,174
Passing TDs: 38
Interceptions: 14
Rushing Yards: 65
Rushing TDs: 8

UPSIDE: 12-0. He just refuses to lose. Also, the 24-year old holds or shares 29 NCAA records, including the single season touchdown record at 58, and the career TD record at 131. That trophy sure would look nice as a bookend to the record book on his shelf.

DOWNSIDE: The comeback against San Jose State was nice and all, but why was the No. 10 team in the nation losing to San Jose State in the first place? They played nobodies all season. In the WAC, Brennan and the Warriors were a big fish in a tiny pond.

Darren McFadden

Junior running back, Arkansas

UPSIDE: McFadden loves pressure. He ran for 206 yards and three TDs in a triple OT win over No. 1 LSU. He even threw a TD. And that wasn't even his best game. His best came against South Carolina, when he tied the SEC record with 321 yards. He racked up more than 100 yards in all but two games and didn't fumble once.

DOWNSIDE: McFadden may love pressure, but the Razorbacks sure don't. With the exception of LSU, they folded to every major team they faced, and Auburn held the 2006 Heisman runner-up to just 43 yards.

Stats:
Rushing Yards: 1,725
Rushing TDs: 15
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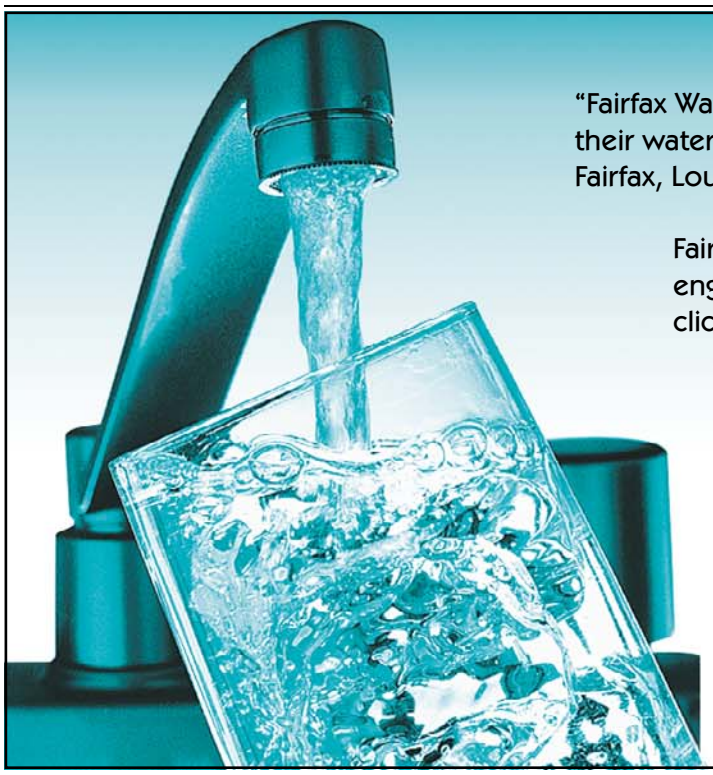
Passing TDs: 1



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Brooks Laich said coach Bruce Boudreau expects all five guys to be aggressive.

Capitals Play Boudreau's Way

Last-place club will try to be aggressive and fast under new coach

CAPITALS | The Capitals continue to occupy the NHL basement heading into Friday night's game at New Jersey and Saturday's home tilt against Atlanta.

But center Brooks Laich makes it clear that the club has a winning record (3-2-1) since Bruce Boudreau replaced Glen Hanlon behind the bench on Nov. 22 — impressive, considering the injury-riddled Caps (9-16-2) played those six games over just nine days.

"Being able to do that is a tribute to Bruce — being able to handle a team that was thrown right into the fire," said Laich, who won an American Hockey League title under Boudreau in Hershey.

Now, after five days off, the Caps will hope that the time spent learning Boudreau's system will pay off in points.

"It's been huge for us. He brought in a new voice, a new enthusiasm, but we were still all over the place. Now, we have four days of practice under our belt. We know the system now, and we're all excited to see where we're going."

On the ice, there will be a change in the Caps' approach. Defensemen will be more active, pressuring the opponent further up the ice and joining the offensive rush more frequently.

"We want to take away every inch of ice," Laich said. "You look at every one of our D-men, and everyone can skate. They're all offensive-minded."

The forecheck will be more aggressive and the power play is now designed to create more offensive passing options. Everyone will be involved.

"The main thing that Bruce says is, it's not just four guys on the ice; it's five guys moving up and down the ice together," Laich said, adding that players will be trusted to make their own reads and take chances. "He looked at our lineup and really likes the players we have. We were underachieving."

Now it's a matter of getting all those players back. As goal-scoring winger Alexander Semin seems to have recovered from a troublesome ankle injury, captain Chris Clark remains sidelined with an injured groin and forwards Boyd Gordon (broken hand) and Michael Nylander (undisclosed) are out temporarily. BRIAN STRAUS

Blatche Hits Right Tone

Wizards' young center worked himself into shape this offseason

WIZARDS | Eddie Jordan barely had to think about how Andray Blatche has improved most.

"First of all, he had to condition himself a little bit better" Jordan said of Blatche, who has boosted his game as the Wizards' backup center in his third year with the team. "That was No. 1; that was No. 2 and No. 3. His conditioning was awful.

"Now he's working on conditioning," Jordan said, raising his voice as Blatche walked past, "and you can see his skill level come out and his talent."

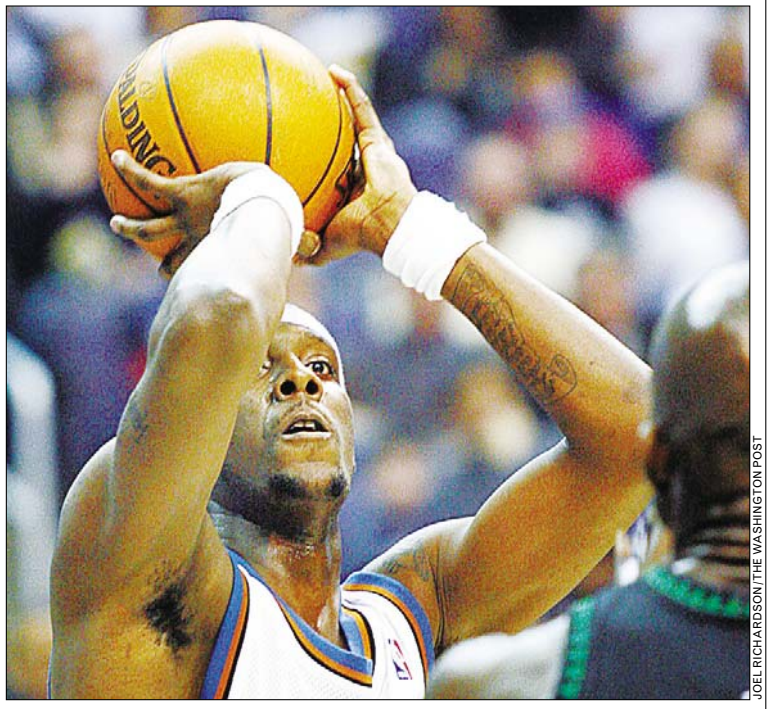
"I was sick," Blatche replied with a grin.

"Yeah, he was sick for eight months," Jordan said. "Right now, he understands what it's about."

Through 18 games this season, Blatche is averaging career highs in every major category. He's scoring 7.1 points per night while shooting 49 percent from the floor. That production — plus his defensive contributions of 4.8 rebounds and 1.9 blocks per game — has helped him to nearly double his minutes to 19.8 per contest.

Blatche's move to the middle of the paint was necessitated by the loss of Etan Thomas, who had open-heart surgery over the summer and remains out indefinitely.

An athletic big man, the 6-foot-11 Blatche was picked by the Wizards (9-9) during the second round of 2005 draft. He rarely saw the court in his first season and toiled last year in bench oblivion behind Haywood, Thomas and Darius Songaila.



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Third-year center Andray Blatche worked hard in the offseason to be ready to play.

Now listed at 248 pounds, Blatche appears to have bulked up during the offseason in order to take the pounding all NBA centers face.

"I stayed here the whole summer, really, just working out," Blatche said. "I wanted to be great this year."

He scored all eight of his points in Wednesday's 105-86 win over Cleveland in the first half. Jordan praised that effort but noted the big man still could have been more consistent throughout his 17 minutes. Blatche will get an even bigger test Friday night when the Suns bring star big men Amare Stoudemire and Shawn Marion to town.

"Last year, we used him at center and forward, so we probably watered it down a little too much for him. But now he's concentrating on the center spot, and he's become more efficient," Jordan said. "He knows how he's going to get his playmaking skills out of it — and his scoring skills." ERIC BRANDNER

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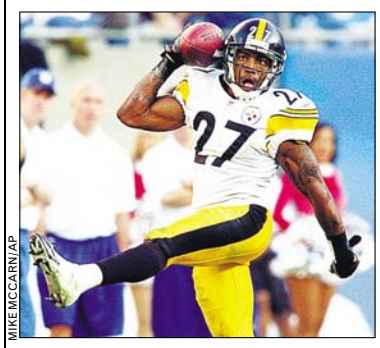

MIKE MCCARN/AP

On Wednesday, Anthony Smith guaranteed the Steelers would beat the Patriots.

Pats on Smith: Who?

New England players brush off guarantee from Steelers safety

NFL | The New England Patriots have their own guarantee: They'd never guarantee a victory like Pittsburgh's Anthony Smith did.

Some of them can't even guarantee they'd recognize him.

"I know Aaron Smith," Patriots DE Ty Warren said Thursday. "I don't know Anthony Smith."

Aaron Smith is in his ninth season with the Steelers, a standout defensive end who will be pressuring Tom Brady on Sunday when the NFL's best team meets the league's top-rated defense.

Anthony Smith is a free safety in his second pro season and starting only because Ryan Clark's season ended in late October with an inflamed spleen that was removed last month. He is also the guy who guaranteed a win over the 12-0 Patriots this week.

"I didn't know who he was until we started preparing for them," Tom Brady said.

Smith, though, has reason to be confident. The Steelers (9-3) have allowed the fewest points and fewest yards of any NFL team. The Patriots (12-0) are coming off a pair of three-point wins that came down to the final minutes.

"I agree with it," running back Heath Evans said. "If we don't get better, they're going to beat us." (AP)

Sunday PICK'EM

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COWBOYS (MINUS 10.5) AT LIONS	**COWBOYS** Dallas is undefeated on the road.	**COWBOYS** Well, the Lions lost by 32 to the Vikings last week, so ...	**LIONS** I could never go for Dallas, no matter who they're playing.	**COWBOYS** Are the Lions heading for 6-10?
COLTS (MINUS 10.5) AT RAVENS	**RAVENS** The Ravens' "D" will get violent one way or another.	**RAVENS** The Colts are too injured to blow teams out right now.	**COLTS** Peyton Manning's too tough.	**RAVENS** If the Ravens play defense like they did Monday night ...
STEELERS (PLUS 12) AT PATRIOTS	**PATRIOTS** Steelers have heart. Bill Belichick eats hearts for breakfast.	**PATRIOTS** I would have said the Steelers would keep it close — until Anthony Smith's guarantee.	**STEELERS** It's going to be New England's first loss of the year.	**PATRIOTS** This is a week when Bill Belichick will hammer the Pats' swagger back into them.
GIANTS (PLUS 3) AT EAGLES	**EAGLES** Eli Manning just doesn't look confident.	**EAGLES** It seems like, eventually, the Giants will stop getting lucky and realize they're bad.	**EAGLES** The Eagles will win that game.	**GIANTS** It's hard to sweep a division rival, but they had 12 sacks on McNabb the first time.
CARDINALS (PLUS 7) AT SEAHAWKS	**CARDINALS** Arizona always keeps it close.	**CARDINALS** This game could decide the NFC West. Problem: Neither team is any good.	**SEAHAWKS** Just a gut feeling. Seattle needs a win.	**SEAHAWKS** It's the last shot at the NFC West title for the Cardinals, who are hurting at WR.

SEASON TALLY | Matt Swenson: 29-28-4; Ian Herbert: 25-32-4; Celebs: 33-32-4; Dave Goldberg: 24-24-2; Leader: Mark Plotkin (4-1)

McGahee Runs As Ravens Stall

Running back is bright spot in a nightmare season for Baltimore

RAVENS | As a newcomer to the Baltimore Ravens, Willis McGahee figured it wouldn't be appropriate for him to suggest a solution to the team's struggling offense.

Finally, as the losses began to mount, the talented running back voiced his opinion.

"I want to be the guy that controls the game," he said. "Let the running game control the clock, control the whole game."

McGahee got a chance to act out his plan Monday night against the unbeaten Patriots. He carried 30 times for 138 yards and a touchdown, and although the Ravens lost 27-24, they dominated the time of possession and outgained a team many deem to be the best in the NFL.

"No doubt about it: We moved the ball running and passing," McGahee said. "Sorry it took so long, but that was just a glimpse of what this offense can do."

GAIL BURTON/AP

Willis McGahee has rushed for 1,048 yards on an offense that has struggled.

More accurately, that's what McGahee can do. He's averaging 4.3 yards per carry, has four 100-yard games and is also is second on the team with 37 receptions.

The Ravens (4-8) ran 65 plays against New England, and McGahee was involved in more than half. Perhaps it's no coincidence it was Baltimore's finest performance of the season. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Sean Taylor Leads Pro Bowl Voting

REDSKINS | Slain Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor leads the Pro Bowl voting at his position, according to tallies released Wednesday by the NFL.

Taylor had 187,064 votes from fans as of Dec. 4, tops among free safeties in the NFC.

Fan voting continues through Dec. 11 and will count for one-third of the total vote to determine who plays in the Pro Bowl in Honolulu on Feb. 10. Coaches and players count for the other two-thirds. (AP)

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Despite feeling ill, Kristi Toliver stepped up in the second half of the Terps' win.

Toliver Takes Over for Terps

Maryland's star guard is a master at raising her game at key times

TERPS WOMEN'S HOOPS | They were sick, almost all of them, and what was happening on the court wasn't helping.

The No. 3 Maryland Terrapins, two days removed from a loss to No. 4 Rutgers, were trailing late in the second half Wednesday against Middle Tennessee State.

Kristi Toliver was feeling it, the stomach virus that was barreling through the program so fiercely that even pregnant coach Brenda Frese stayed home. By Laura Harper's estimation, everyone but her and Crystal Langhorne was feeling ill.

Mostly, though, Toliver was feeling frustration. Assistant coach Daron Park, filling in for Frese, had lit into the Terps (11-1) at halftime and still the Blue Raiders had forged ahead.

"I felt like he was speaking directly to me," said Toliver, the junior point guard. "I wanted to turn it up a notch and play as hard as I can."

She did. In the final five minutes, Toliver scored nine points, including the 3-pointer that gave Maryland the lead and the free throws that sealed the victory.

After the game, she couldn't even muster a smile and had to excuse herself early from the postgame press conference. But everyone around her was singing her praises.

Throughout Toliver's tenure at Maryland, it has been center Crystal Langhorne who has gotten most of the major press. But with Langhorne missing five of the first six games this season, Toliver has stepped to the forefront. She averaged 12 points per game through her first two seasons. She's averaging 18.2 points per game this year. She had averaged 4.5 assists per game; now she's averaging eight.

"That's why she's the best point guard in the country," Middle Tennessee State coach Rick Insell said. "There's no ifs, ands or buts about it. That kid's going to be on an Olympic team one year."

Toliver willed the Terrapins to victory Wednesday. She'll be back in the spotlight on Friday against Northern Iowa and again on Sunday, when the Terps play Temple.

"Kristi's a winner. It's as simple as that," Harper said. "She's going to put this team on her back." DEREK TURNER

COVER BAND

Garage Gals: Detroit Cobras give forgotten tunes a grimy tinge at the Black Cat tonight. | 22

Entertainment Weekend

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SUMMER LOVE: Keira Knightley, left, as a young woman of privilege who falls for her housekeeper's son in "Atonement."

Truly Refined

'Atonement' is a proper period drama: sad, poetic, beautiful

FILM | Those ruby-red lips puffing away at a delicately hand-rolled cigarette, those shoulder blades jutting like weapons from a knockout of a backless, emerald-green gown — Keira Knightley would seem to be starring in an elegant period drama, one that's predictably and self-consciously reserved.

"Atonement" is anything but. It changes again and again, lulling us in with its glamorous trappings before turning sexy, suspenseful, richly romantic and achingly sad. And if you haven't read the Ian McEwan best-selling novel that inspired it, you'll be dazzled by its twist of an ending.

Joe Wright, who directed Knightley to an Academy Award nomination for 2005's "Pride & Prejudice," rejoins most of his technical team from that film for this decades-spanning story of jealousy, betrayal and repentance.

Screenwriter Christopher Hampton, an Oscar winner for "Dangerous Liaisons," circles back on a few crucial moments as "Atonement" gathers its initial steam, a subtle, insightful reminder that perspective is everything.

Knightley stars as Cecelia Tallis, an idly rich recent college graduate who indulges in a passionate encounter with Robbie Turner (James McAvoy), the charming and educated son of the family's housekeeper, on the sultriest day of the summer in 1935 England. Cecelia's younger sister, Briony (played startlingly as a child by the wide-eyed Saoirse Ronan), who has a schoolgirl crush on Robbie, catches them in the act and accuses him of a crime he didn't commit, which changes the course of all of their lives.

Skipping ahead in time, Robbie ends up in the Army during World War II and is among the British awaiting evacuation from the beach at Dunkirk. Slowly losing his grip on reality, he longs for a return to normalcy, to the woman he still loves.

And this is where Wright has staged his duly acclaimed, virtuoso tracking shot, a single Steadicam take that lasts an awesome 5 1/2 minutes. Following Robbie as he trudges along the sand, it encompasses all manner of chaos in one fell swoop: arriving boats, dying soldiers, a melancholy choir, blood and carnage.

Too show-offy? Perhaps. But it'll leave you holding your breath, wondering how much longer it can go on, how much more Wright can possibly cram in. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Fantasy Takes a Stodgy Turn

Movie magic heads south of exciting in 'The Golden Compass'

FILM | Nicole Kidman's presence in the elaborate fantasy flick "The Golden Compass" is emblematic of the movie itself: aesthetically lush but ultimately cold to the touch.

This adaptation of the first novel in British writer Philip Pullman's "His Dark Materials" trilogy has some fanciful moments but never achieves the sense of awe-inspiring wonder of the "Lord of the Rings" films, to which comparisons will be inevitable.

Writer-director Chris Weitz ("About a Boy") takes on the biggest project of his life with this CGI-filled spectacle, which he also had to cram with tons of exposition to set up a potential series.

The whole thing is a bit of a drag, even given the sprightly energy of our heroine, 12-year-old orphan Lyra Belacqua, played by newcomer Dakota Blue Richards.

AP/NEW LINE CINEMA

Dakota (yes, another one) Blue Richards stars in "The Golden Compass."

Lyra lives as a ward of the prestigious Jordan College and enjoys spending her afternoons prowling about, looking for trouble with best pal Roger. Then one day she receives from the headmaster the last remaining golden compass — a device that provides the true answer to any question — and must use it to find other children who've been abducted by a government body that wants to rid them of free will. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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Get in touch with your outdoorsy side by cutting down your own tree this year.

I'm not a fan of fancy-schmancy Lucky Strike-ish bowling. I just want to go somewhere that's kind of gross but not completely sketchy.

One of my best days of 2007 came at Shady Grove Lanes in Gaithersburg, right next to the Red Lobster. Not only did I get my second highest bowling score ever, but I also set the high score on the quick-shot basketball game in the arcade. You can say it's been a down year, I suppose.

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

We hear a lot about all those "School of Rock" classes that teach kids how to play Led Zeppelin and Rush songs on guitar, but those aren't the only classes trying to get teenagers to focus their energy on music and the arts. The Words, Beats and Life Urban Arts Academy works with students between the ages of 12 and 17 in Northeast Washington, offering mentoring, writing workshops and other activities, all centered on hip-hop. Participants also get the chance to learn techniques from local DJs, and two of WBL's turntablists are making their debut tonight at Bombs Away, a rare all-ages hip-hop show that features some of the area's hottest talent. Tre Pound and 40 will be sharing the stage with MC Flex Matthews, DJs Eurok and Orbit 122 (the guys behind the legendary Reunion Thursdays nights), E-One, Resination and DJ Scratch Master K. It's all going down at **THE BORF MANSION** (aka the Bobby Fisher Memorial Building) on North Capitol Street. There's a $5 cover charge.

If you didn't get enough grimy Michigan garage rock last night, the Detroit Cobras are bringing primal rock and rough-and-tumble R&B to **THE BLACK CAT.** The band's gimmick is that it's an out-and-out cover band, but it only performs long-forgotten and neglected gems like Otis Redding's "Shout Bama Lama" and Garnet Mims's "As Long As I Have You," dirtied up and delivered with Rachel Nagy's husky voice taking center stage.

SATURDAY

Yuletide Madness is always one of the more amusing holiday parties around, a black tie-preferred event at **THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB** with music, dancing, open bars, dinner buffets and all the trimmings. This year, entertainment comes from Mr. Greengenes, the Pennsylvania band whose mix of covers and rockin' originals has made them favorites at clubs up and down the East Coast, and DJ Smoky, whom you might remember from the Starboard in Dewey, or maybe just the Front Page in Ballston. In the spirit of the season, guests are asked to bring a new, non-wrapped toy for charity. Tickets are $119 from yuletidemadness.com.

A large article in Tuesday's Post's Metro section focused on how Hanukkah is helping turn Jewish music hip, and you'll get firsthand proof Saturday night at **THE HISTORIC SIXTH AND I SYNAGOGUE** with the Eighth, a concert featuring the LeeVees and DeLeon. Even non-Jews can get down with the LeeVees, whose catchy indie rock songs wonder about the multiple spellings of Hanukkah and debate whether latkes should be topped with applesauce or sour cream. (If the voice sounds familiar, you might be a fan of the Gusters, singer Adam Garder's much-better-known band.) After the show, the JDub records crew is hosting an afterparty at **THE WONDERLAND BALLROOM** with DJ Meistro, Blacksburg, Va.'s exciting Boogieburg Soundsystem (download radio shows and mixes here) and percussionist Tonito. There's no cover or dress code.

This week's Nightlife Agenda tribute to the music of the Midwest takes a detour down to Chicago tonight, by way of **FIVE.** Mark Grant is part of the seemingly endless stream of talented house music DJs coming out of the Windy City (Larry Heard, Derrick Carter, DJ Sneak, etc.) His remixes and compilation CDs have that smooth, sexy and instantly recognizable thump, with soulful vocals, Latin touches and jazzy instrumentation layered on top. Grant's appearance at Five features live vocals by Russoul, a "Chicago Idol" competition winner that Grant has worked with. Local representation comes from Big Sexy.

Despite his name, Dirty South is a rising star on the international electro scene, not a rapper from Tha A-T-L. He's made quite a splash over the last two years, turning out dance-floor-friendly remixes for Mark Ronson, Tracey Thorn, Tiesto and other big names, and his skuzzy, unstoppable electrohouse remix of "It's Too Late" garnered "Essential New Tune" status from the BBC's influential Pete Tong. (If you listen to one song on his MySpace, make it that one.) Dirty South's a special guest at **GLOW** on Saturday night, which has really stepped up its game since moving to Ibiza a few months ago. Advance tickets are $20 from clubglow.com.

Jet-setting DJ People's Champion — formerly of the See You Next Tuesday parties at Wonderland — is back from an extended sojourn in Berlin, where he played at a number of the German capital's top clubs, including 103 and Magnet. Let's hope his record bags are bulging with new and exciting electro bangers, because he's spinning at **DC9'S** Transatlantic Dance Party.

DOUG COOMBE

SNAKES ON A STAGE: Rachel Nagy and Mary Ramirez of Detroit Cobras get glossy.

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AMERICAN GANGSTER (R, 151 minutes) This movie stars Denzel Washington as Frank Lucas, a beneath-the-radar Harlem heroin impresario of the 1970s who put together an astonishing organization before anyone noticed, and Russell Crowe as Richie Roberts, the Jersey detective who took him down. Director Ridley Scott plays the stories of Lucas and Roberts off each other so adroitly that we don't notice that the two antagonists aren't even aware of each other until the movie's second half and never eyeball each other until the last 20 minutes. The movie has the aspirations of an epic of crime and punishment, a superb feel for time and milieu, and an almost subliminal feel for myth. (AH)

AUGUST RUSH (PG, 114 minutes) This contemporary fairy tale follows the predictable course of August (Freddie Highmore), an orphan who waits for the day when he'll find his parents. We've met them: an Irish rock singer (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) and a classical cellist (Keri Russell). How they get involuntarily separated is just one of the almost unbearable contrivances that permeate this movie, which plays more to the gag reflex than to the heart, especially when our orphan starts playing the guitar like a virtuoso after what seems like a three-minute tutorial. (DT)

AWAKE (R, 80 minutes) Hayden Christensen plays a man who finds himself awake and aware during heart surgery. He "imagines" himself off the operating table, and roams the world, passing through past and present invisibly. In this condition, he is able to assemble the plot behind the alarming news he acquires in the operating room. I liked the movie's unassuming nature, the way it never goes all stylish and becomes one of those films about being a film, as opposed to being about telling a story. It is a pleasing if negligible diversion. (SH)

BEE MOVIE (PG, 91 minutes) It would be wrong to suggest that this movie, which features the voice of Jerry Seinfeld as a wisecracking insect, is unpleasant to sit through. But it would also be wrong to claim that it is abuzz with hilarity. The movie, which Seinfeld also co-produced and co-wrote, never takes off. How could it, with such a bee-labored premise: that Barry (Seinfeld) becomes so outraged about food companies profiting from honey, he takes humanity to court? And the more the movie progresses, the more you realize how much Seinfeld's voice sounds like a droning bee—the kind you want to swat away. (SH)

BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD (R, 117 minutes) This is the story of two brothers, one strong, one weak, whose desperation and greed lead them down an increasingly depraved path. Philip Seymour Hoffman plays Andy, the alpha bro'; Ethan Hawke is Hank, not nearly as successful. Both men have money issues, which is why Andy approaches Hank with a plan to get more. What makes the film so riveting is Hoffman, who delivers a tour de force performance. And director Sidney Lumet weaves in and out of the action, proving to be as adroit with new technology as he was with old-school celluloid. (DT)

BEOWULF (PG-13, 120 minutes) Director Robert Zemeckis uses a technique called motion-capture to conjure fantastical things, angles into action and sweeping vistas to stun your eyes and take your breath away. But what he hasn't

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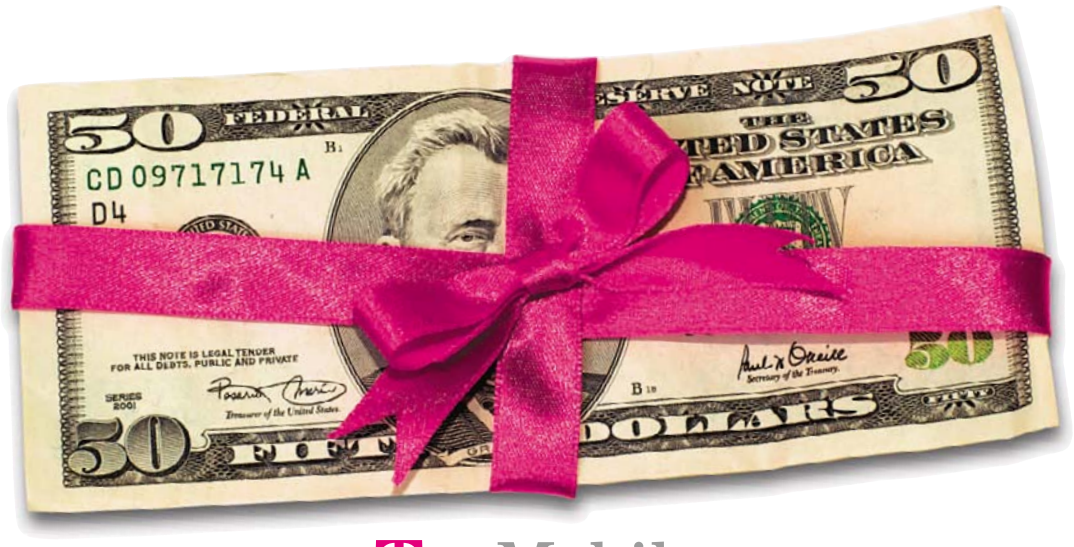

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mastered and what the technique can't do is this: emotion-capture. What you are seeing is the process by which actors' movements are recorded electronically, transformed into imagery, then inserted into a meticulously realized, computer-generated Dark Ages. The story works, but I wish they'd teach these avatars to act. (SH)

DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG-13, 95 minutes) Steve Carell plays a newspaper advice columnist and single dad who falls in love with his brother's girlfriend during a weekend at the family beach house. Carell and Juliette Binoche, who plays his love interest, remain oddly passive figures within an emotional matrix that seemingly knows no boundaries: Filmgoers haven't seen a family this neurotically enmeshed since the last Diane Keaton movie. The movie ends happily, but only in the most notional sense; a truly satisfying conclusion would be for the title character to break free of his overbearing relatives and get his own life — real or otherwise. (AH)

THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R, 91 minutes) Writer-director Wes Anderson has carved out a niche as American cinema's most eccentric, lyrical poet of family dysfunction. He's at it again in this film about three brothers searching for spiritual meaning in India. Jason Schwartzman, Adrien Brody and Owen Wilson play Jack, Peter and Francis Whitman, respectively, who haven't seen one another since their father's funeral a year earlier. Francis has organized a train trip through India to rebond. Against the extravagant backdrop of India's deeply saturated palette and densely woven textures, the Whitmans try to find themselves — and one another — in a series of alternately wry and wrenching encounters. The movie isn't deep; its fey humor and obvious metaphors will surely provide ample fodder for Anderson's detractors. But it has its charms, chief of which is watching three terrific actors evince with unforced ease the rewards and resentments of brotherhood. (AH)

ENCHANTED (PG, 107 minutes) This charming family comedy from Disney celebrates the princess cult it invented while skewering its most saccharin conventions. After an old-school animated opening sequence, replete with a singing maiden named Giselle, it turns into a live-action adventure in which Giselle, played by the winning Amy Adams, is banished by the prince's evil stepmother to — eek! — Manhattan. Giselle meets a divorce lawyer named Robert (Patrick Dempsey) and his 6-year-old daughter. Giselle eventually overcomes Robert's wariness and cynicism, even as she's being pursued by her brave but dim Prince Charming (James Marsden). This is a rare comedy that will appeal to the whole family, as it indulges in all the dreams of fairy-tale romance while making a few a 21st-century adjustments. (AH)

FRED CLAUS (PG, 120 minutes) Vince Vaughn plays Fred, the glum older brother of Santa (Paul Giamatti). Since Christmas is approaching, Fred is turning morose and acting out. The season recalls his unhappy childhood where his younger brother was the apple of his parents' and later the world's eye. He loathes (but

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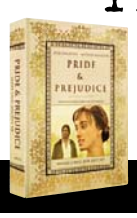

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loves) his little brother, but when he gets in a scrape, he has no problem appealing to Santa for a quick job to raise some extra cash. Vaughn's con-man jive doesn't get much play in this one; he spends most of his time as a bitter creep, and the writing isn't sharp enough to make the hipster-at-the-North-Pole theme pay off in any meaningful way. (SH)

GONE BABY GONE (R, 120 minutes) One of the great pleasures of mystery writer Dennis Lehane and of the movies derived from his books — "Mystic River" and now this film — is sense of place. The books are like a tour of back-alley, blue-collar Beantown; spend time with them in any form and you start swallowing your r's, then spitting them out as h's. That's what makes this movie, directed by Ben Affleck, such a pleasure. Two detectives, Patrick Kenzie (Ben Affleck's gifted younger brother, Casey) and Angie Gennaro (Michelle Monaghan), are brought in on a case that has the neighborhood and the cops tied up in knots. A beautiful child is missing, and immediately a generally unasked question arises: Do the social marginals deserve the same protection and service from the cops that more respectable, bourgeois citizens do? The movie is really Casey Affleck's, but the real star is Boston's seamier side, vividly evoked. (SH)

HITMAN (R, 100 minutes) This is the best movie derived from a violent computer game we've ever seen. On a routine assignment to assassinate a rising political moderate in St. Petersburg, Agent 47 (Timothy Olyphant) finds himself caught in a double cross, and being chased by Interpol agent Mike (Dougray Scott). Naturally, Agent 47 is going to have to shoot his way to the truth and safety. Nothing particularly original. But as an almost abstract killing machine, Agent 47 is a model of lethal efficiency. And it's intriguing to watch him come to terms with the real emotion of L-O-V-E as he teams up with a babe named Nika (Olga Kurylenko). (DT)

I'M NOT THERE (R, 135 minutes) To die-hard fans of Bob Dylan, it made all the sense in the world that Todd Haynes decided to make a biopic using six actors to play the singer-songwriter. How better to capture a man who has spent a career inventing new personae? The resulting film is a fascinating experiment that, if the viewer is willing to surrender to Haynes' sometimes hermetic meditations on Dylan's life, heartily rewards the investment. Often using real-life vignettes and Dylan's own quotations as his jumping-off point, Haynes has delivered an absorbing, occasionally hallucinatory disquisition on how Dylan has brilliantly eluded his audience's projections. (AH)

INTO THE WILD (R, 140 minutes) Sean Penn sings a powerful and poetic hymn to America with his sweeping, sensitive and deeply affecting adaptation of Jon Krakauer's best-selling book. Penn, who wrote and directed the screen version, has preserved the book's most iconic, even mystical, values while carefully whittling away Krakauer's multi-layered narrative to focus on its confounding protagonist: Chris McCandless, the 23-year-old who embarked on a 113-day sojourn in the Alaska backcountry that ended in his death. Emile Hirsch plays McCandless, putting himself through the kind of punishing physical challenges and transformations Robert De Niro has made famous. The film is far more than the story of an idealistic, doomed young man and instead turns into a portrait of an alternative America, that scruffy, feisty frontier

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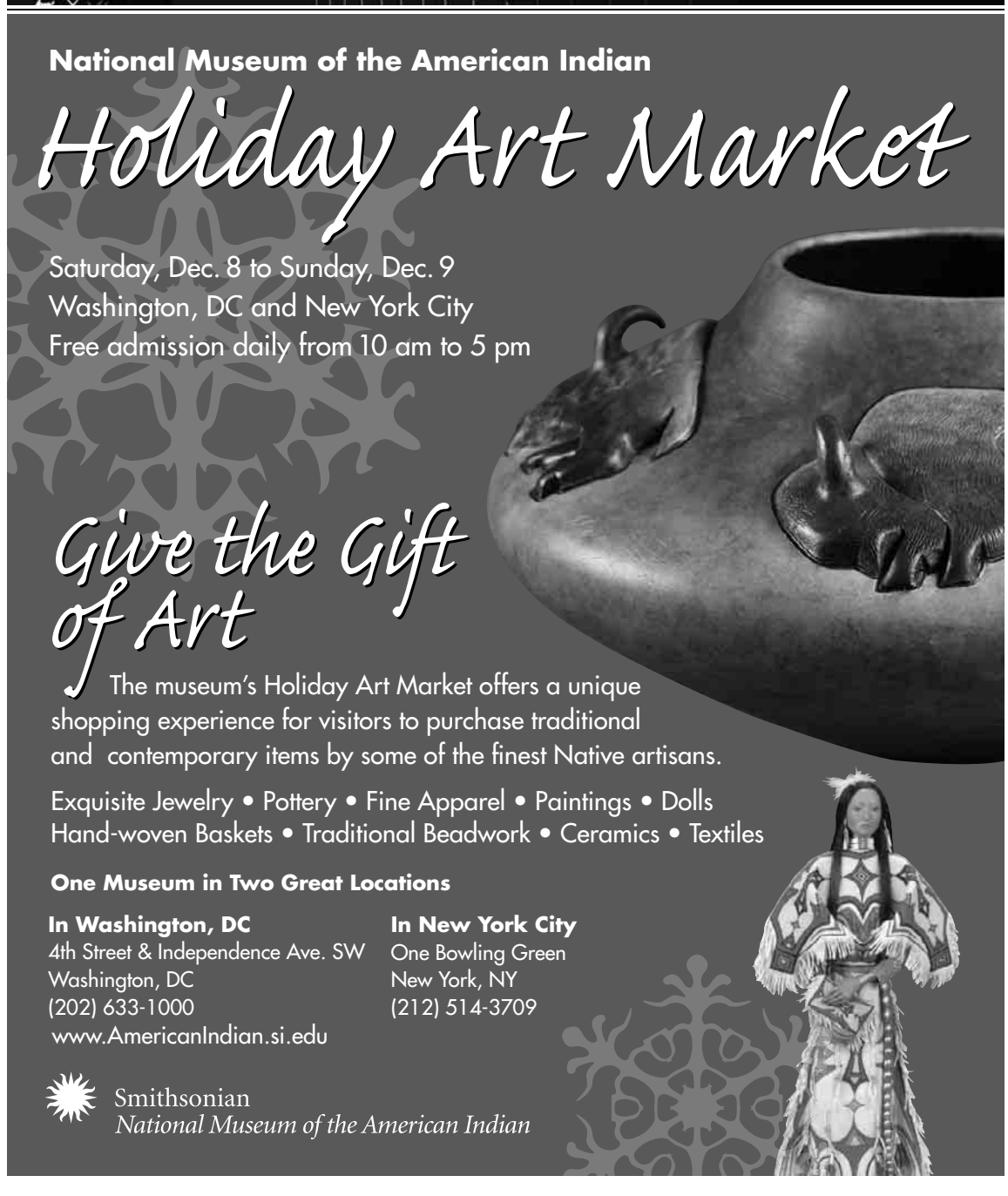

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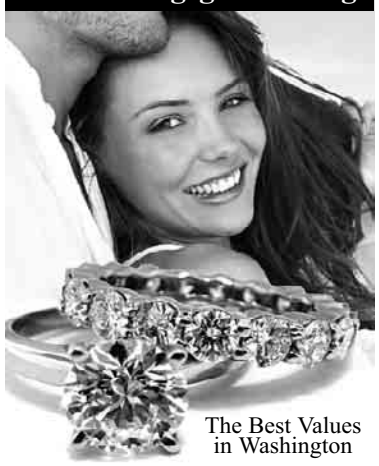

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populated by outlaws and vagabonds and spiritual seekers. It's a big, beautiful picture, all the more so for inviting everyone, regardless of political position or philosophical bent, to see themselves. (AH)

LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG-13, 106 minutes) Ryan Gosling plays Lars, a misfit in his mid-20s who lives in the garage of his childhood home. Lars's brother Gus (Paul Schneider) and his wife live in the main house, and despite repeated invitations to join them for meals, Lars keeps obstinately to himself. He clearly has issues, which finally bubble to the surface when he orders a life-size sex toy over the Internet, names her Bianca and presents her to everyone as his new girlfriend. As Lars quietly comes to the psychic break — or breakthrough — that has been looming, his family, friends and neighbors seem to embody the notion of the compassionate response, going along with the narrative he's inventing as if in recognition that love means indulging one another's most necessary illusions. (AH)

LIONS FOR LAMBS (R, 88 minutes) In this impassioned but strangely inert current events drama directed by Robert Redford, Tom Cruise plays a fictional Republican U.S. senator named Jasper Irving. As the film opens, Jasper welcomes reporter Janine Roth (Meryl Streep) into his office for an interview. Irving's true agenda: to give her a scoop about a new military initiative in Afghanistan. While they talk, scenes unfold elsewhere at the same time: in Afghanistan and at a university in California. Intercutting among the three contemporaneous scenes, the film sets up an arresting conceit, wherein politics, theory and practice are played out at once. But for all its passion and topical currency, the movie plays too often like a college colloquium. (SH)

LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R, 125 minutes) For its fans, the novel by the Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel García Márquez, is akin to a Rosetta stone, the premier text of love, transcendence and spectacular writing. So screenwriter Ronald Harwood and director Mike Newell had an almost insurmountable degree of difficulty, not only in adapting Márquez's dense, magical realist prose, but in winning over the novel's fiercest devotees. They haven't failed, exactly, but neither have they succeeded. Lush, extravagant, sad and touching, the film still feels weirdly insubstantial when all the febrile passion has abated. Like a fever it breaks, passes and is forgotten. (AH)

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MICHAEL CLAYTON (R, 119 minutes) From its hushed opening sequences in a Manhattan law office late at night to its sleek, pared-down narrative style, this uncommonly intelligent thriller evokes the great films of the 1970s that managed to elicit gritty urban realism while maintaining a suave sense of style and moral complexity. George Clooney plays the title character, a "fixer" at a white shoe law firm, who finds himself enmeshed in a web of corporate intrigue, personal financial straits, madness and murder. (AH)

THE MIST (R, 127 minutes) Frank Darabont's new film is more political allegory than horror movie. Darabont is something of a Stephen King specialist; this time he's working from a King novella. Thus, the setting is the inevitable Maine seacoast village, where commercial artist David Drayton (Thomas Jane) makes his nice living designing the jackets of ... Stephen King novels. One day a heavy, almost liquid mist drifts out of the mountains and ensnares the town. The townspeople quickly decamp into two cliques, and the political battle between them interests Darabont far more than the monsters in the mist. There's a glib twist at the end, which seems out of character, and the movie could easily lose 20 minutes, maybe 40. (SH)

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Cate Blanchett plays one of Bob Dylan's many selves in "I'm Not There."

NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R, 120 minutes) Derived from the Cormac McCarthy novel of the same name, this high-end "literary" thriller traffics as much in ideas as in thrills, sometimes to its own detriment. It follows as a Vietnam vet (Josh Brolin) out antelope-hunting comes across a Texas drug deal gone bad. Bodies, guns, blood, flies and folly are everywhere on the arid plains. Each figure is given, a la standard thriller operating procedure, a single moral or psychological attribute and then acts in accordance to that principle and nothing else. It's meant to be "ironic," with that big capital I. Instead it's unsatisfying, with a capital U. (SH)

THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13, 117 minutes) The Whitfields are by any standards prosperous, and they can look with pride on what their progeny has accomplished. But such happiness is based on a compact by which each member agrees to avoid certain subjects. The movie chronicles a holiday season in which the subjects, at last, are not avoided. The result is a big, gushy, emotional, secret-driven, family-obsessive casserole, perhaps facile in some of its resolutions, but so full of good heart and love — the real kind, which is scratchy, awkward, difficult to express and doesn't conquer all — that the movie is difficult to resist. (SH)

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THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13)	(1200 145 245 445 530) 730 815 1015 1100
AWAKE (R) - ID REQ'D	(115 330 545) 800 1015
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AWAKE (R) - ID REQ'D	(215 450) 800 1015
ENCHANTED (PG)	(100 200 400 500) 645 745 930 1030
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13)	(415) 715 1015
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BEE MOVIE (PG) (11:25 @ $6), 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:35, 11:55

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NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) (10:35 @ $6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8
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703-998-4AMC

HITMAN (R) 12:30, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20
THE MIST (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
FRED CLAUS (PG) 1:20, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

AMC SELECT
LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
GONE BABY GONE (R) 12:10, 2:50, 5:25, 8:10, 10:45

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12
800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 7:40, 10:15
ENCHANTED (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10
ENCHANTED (PG) [CC] 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10
HITMAN (R) 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:05
THE MIST (R) 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55
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BEOWULF (PG13) 1:15, 4:35, 7:35, 10:10
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20
FRED CLAUS (PG) 1:20, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:05, 6:05, 9:25
BEE MOVIE (PG) 12:35, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:05
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7
2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

REVOLVER (NR–NOT RATED) 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
I'M NOT THERE (R) 2:10, 5:10, 8:00

AMC SELECT
MARGOT AT THE WEDDING (R) 2:00, 4:10, 7:40, 9:50
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD (R) 1:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
INTO THE WILD (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:50

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5
North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG13) 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00
ENCHANTED (PG) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
FRED CLAUS (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 7:05, 9:15
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 2:30, 6:30, 9:50
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:50, 4:25

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14
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DIGITAL 3D
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THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG13) (10:20, 11:10 @ $6), 1:00, 2:00, 3:50, 4:50, 6:40, 7:40, 9:30, 10:30
AWAKE (R) (11:35 @ $6), 1:55, 4:10, 6:20, 8:45, 11:00
AUGUST RUSH (PG) (11:05 @ $6), 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
ENCHANTED (PG) (10:50 @ $6), 1:35, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
HITMAN (R) (10:40 @ $6), 1:05, 3:30, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45
HITMAN (R) [DVS] [CC] (10:40 @ $6), 1:05, 3:30, 5:55, 8:20, 10:45
THE MIST (R) (10:55 @ $6), 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) (11:30 @ $6), 2:20, 5:10, 8:00, 10:55
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AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) (11:45 @ $6), 3:10, 6:30, 10:00
BEE MOVIE (PG) (10:30 @ $6), 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:30, 10:50

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THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:45, 10:30
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
ENCHANTED (PG) 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
HITMAN (R) 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
THE MIST (R) 4:40, 7:30, 10:30
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
BEOWULF (PG13) 4:10, 7:15, 10:10
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 4:30
FRED CLAUS (PG) 4:00, 7:05, 9:45
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 7:00, 10:15
BEE MOVIE (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18
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301-948-0906

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AWAKE (R) ✓ (11:50 @ $6), 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30
AUGUST RUSH (PG) (11:25 @ $6), 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
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THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) (11:10 @ $6), 2:00, 4:55, 7:50, 10:40
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (11:35 @ $6), 2:05, 4:35
FRED CLAUS (PG) (10:55 @ $6), 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) (11:40 @ $6), 1:55, 4:20, 6:40, 9:10
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) (11:20 @ $6), 3:00, 6:30, 9:55
BEE MOVIE (PG) (11:05 @ $6), 1:50, 4:05, 6:45, 9:20
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) (10:35 @ $6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20

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LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) 6:55, 10:10

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DIGITAL 3D
BEOWULF: DIGITAL 3D (PG13) 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:40

THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 1:30, 2:35, 4:15, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 11:00, 12:20
AWAKE (R) ✓ 12:50, 3:10, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55, 12:00
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I'M NOT THERE (R) 12:40, 4:00, 7:05, 10:10
THE MIST (R) 1:35, 4:40, 8:10, 11:20
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LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 12:00, 5:00, 10:00
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 1:20, 5:05, 8:05, 11:40
BEE MOVIE (PG) 1:45
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 2:10, 7:10, 12:10

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LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R) 4:05, 7:50, 11:10

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ENCHANTED (PG) [CC] (10:40 @ $6), 1:25, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25
HITMAN (R) (10:00 @ $6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:35
THE MIST (R) (10:05 @ $6), 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:05
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) (10:25 @ $6), 12:40, 1:20, 3:40, 4:20, 6:40, 7:20, 9:35, 10:25
BEOWULF (PG13) 12:30, 3:35, 6:30, 9:30
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (11:15 @ $6), 1:50, 4:25, 6:55, 9:20
FRED CLAUS (PG) (11:20 @ $6), 2:10, 4:55, 7:50, 10:40
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) (11:10 @ $6), 2:40, 6:10, 9:50
BEE MOVIE (PG) (10:20 @ $6), 12:50, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:20

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AMC TYSONS CORNER 16
7850 Tysons Corner Center
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DIGITAL 3D
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THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG13) (10:45, 11:30 @ $6), 12:10, 1:25, 2:10, 3:05, 4:15, 5:05, 5:50, 7:10, 8:00, 8:45, 9:55, 10:50, 11:45, 12:35
AWAKE (R) (10:55 @ $6), 1:05, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:25
AUGUST RUSH (PG) 12:00, 2:40, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45
ENCHANTED (PG) (10:00, 11:10 @ $6), 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:20, 5:40, 7:00, 8:35, 9:40, 11:15, 12:25
HITMAN (R) (10:30 @ $6), 1:00, 3:25, 5:55, 8:30, 10:55
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MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) (10:00 @ $6), 12:40, 3:10, 5:30
FRED CLAUS (PG) (10:40 @ $6), 1:20, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 12:15, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00
BEE MOVIE (PG) (10:10 @ $6), 12:35, 2:55, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00, 12:15
DAN IN REAL LIFE (PG13) 7:55, 10:20, 12:40

AMC SELECT
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R) (10:50 @ $6), 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
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THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG13) ✓ 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
ENCHANTED (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
THIS CHRISTMAS (PG13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G) 2:40, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40
LIONS FOR LAMBS (R) 7:30, 10:00
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 3:30, 7:00, 10:15
BEE MOVIE (PG) 2:20, 4:40
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 10:10

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

AUGUST RUSH (PG) 4:30, 10:10
WHAT WOULD JESUS BUY? (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:20

AMC SELECT
WAR/DANCE (PG13) 2:00, 7:30
THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30
INTO THE WILD (R) 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00

LOEWS UPTOWN 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
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BEOWULF (PG13) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

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ENCHANTED (PG)
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***AWAKE (R)**
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HITMAN (R)
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LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA (R)
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BEOWULF (PG-13)
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FRED CLAUS (PG)
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LIONS FOR LAMBS (R)
1:05 PM
AMERICAN GANGSTER (R)
12:05, 3:30, 7:00, 10:10
BEE MOVIE (PG)
12:35, 2:55, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
WHY DID I GET MARRIED (PG-13)
4:30, 7:45, 10:25

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ENCHANTED (PG) 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

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***BELLA (PG-13)**
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***AWAKE (R)**
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THIS CHRISTMAS (PG-13)
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MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (G)
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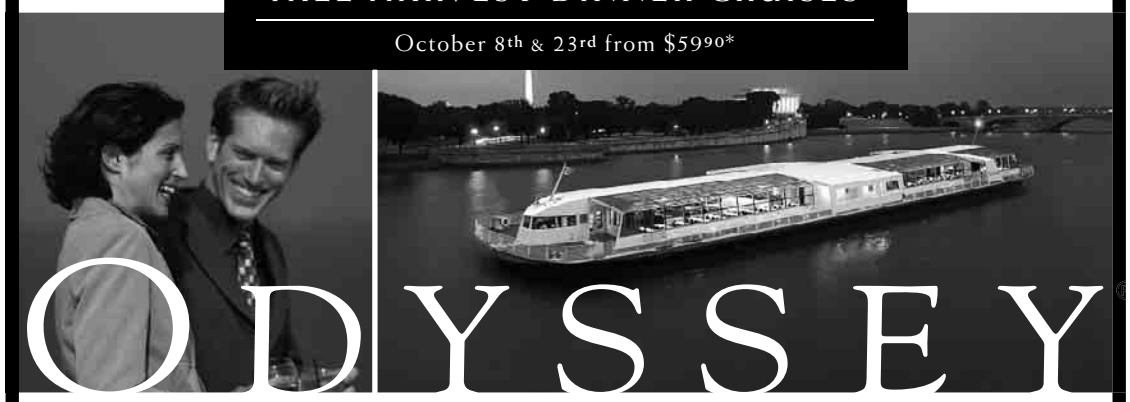

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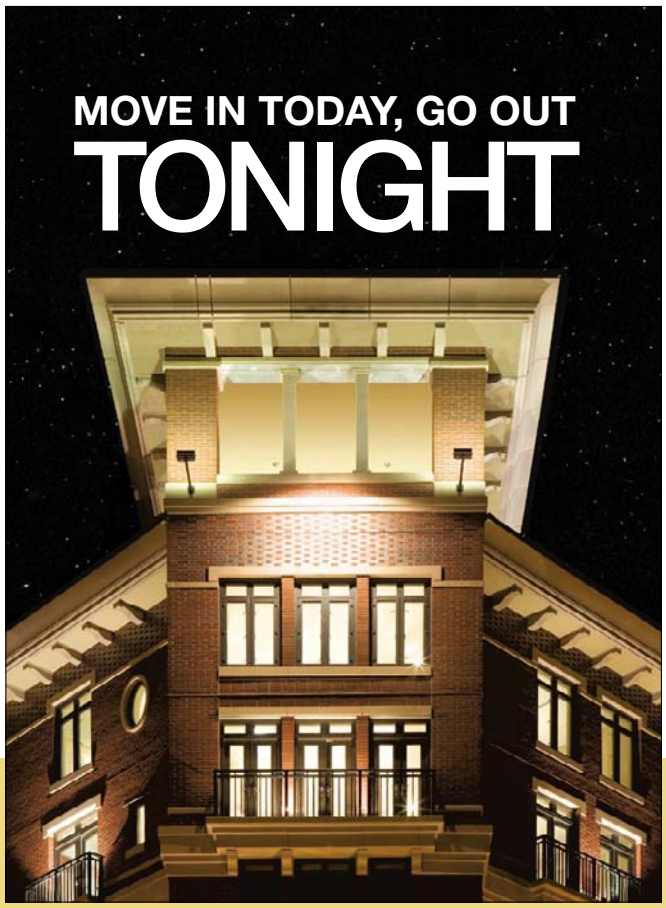

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FUNNY GENE: The Wayans brothers — Keenen Ivory, Marlon, pictured, and Shawn — are making their first foray into cable series with "The Life and Times of Marcus 'Felony' Brown," a VH1 project described as an edgy urban comedy.

Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

A JOLLY, HAPPY SOUL
Jimmy Durante narrates the 1969 animated special **FROSTY THE SNOWMAN** (8 p.m., CBS, Fri.).

STRAIGHT COUNTRY
Dolly Parton and Vicki Lawrence appear (again) on **HANNAH MONTANA** (8 p.m., Disney, Fri.).

HE SPEWED ONE TOO MANY HOS
It's hard to write about tonight's exceptional **MONK** (9 p.m., USA, Fri.) episode without revealing too much. Let's just say it opens with Adrian (Tony Shalhoub) caught red-handed standing over a Santa with a smoking gun.

SOUNDTRACKS
MOVIES ROCK (9 p.m., CBS, Fri.) celebrates the connection between film and music.

SELF-DEFENSE?
Landry's woes continue on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

SOCIAL CLIMBERS
Combine animals, "celebrities" and countdowns and you've got **THE A-LIST** (9 p.m., Animal Planet, Fri.) a punch line-driven take on behavior in the wild.

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BAH, HUMBUG! Jim Carrey is Dr. Seuss' "Grinch" on ABC this Saturday.

SING IT, SISTERS
Viewers looking for a musical evening with a little more focus should enjoy **CROSSROADS: JOSS STONE AND LEANN RIMES** (10 p.m., CMT, Fri.).

DOWN IN WHOVILLE
Jim Carrey stars in the 2000 desecration of **DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS** (8 p.m., ABC, Sat.).

FUN SPOILER
Jami Gertz stars in **LOST HOLIDAY: THE JIM AND SUZANNE SHEMWELL STORY** (9 p.m., Lifetime, Sat.) as the uptight Suzanne Shemwell, who appears to have Christmas and its attendant pageants, meals and decorating down to a tightly controlled flow chart.

GET YOUR CHUCKLES
"Saturday Night Live" (9:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.) presents **THE BEST OF WILL FERRELL**.

THEN, GET MORE CHUCKLES
A comic reflects on the world on **DAVE ATTELL: CAPTAIN MISERABLE** (10 p.m., HBO, Sat.).

L.T.!
Scheduled on **60 MINUTES** (7 p.m., CBS, Sun.): a new addiction treatment; endangered gorillas; LaDainian Tomlinson.

THE 'O' ENDORSEMENT
IN OPRAH WINFREY PRESENTS: MITCH ALBOM'S FOR ONE MORE DAY (9 p.m., ABC, Sun.), Michael Imperioli ("The Sopranos") stars as a washed-up baseball player who has made an alcoholic mess of his life.

WHEN HIPPIES RULED
Tom Brokaw recalls one of the most tumultuous years in American history in the two-hour documentary **1968** (9 p.m., History, Sun.).

CLOSET DINO-FANS
DINO AUTOPSY (9 p.m., National Geographic, Sun.) looks at a mummified reptile.

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OPRAH SAYS WATCH: "Mitch Albom's For One More Day" airs this Sunday.

GAMERS' BIG NIGHT
Samuel L. Jackson hosts the 2007 **VIDEO GAME AWARDS** (9 p.m., Spike, Sun.).

LIVE FREE, DIE HARD
A rock star's entourage attracts a killer on **SHARK** (10 p.m., CBS, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

12.7.07		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News (N) CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) CC		Friday Night Lights "The Confession"		Las Vegas "A Cannon Carol" (N)		News (N) CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	News (N)	TMZ (N) CC	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	Don't Forget the Lyrics! CC		The Next Great American Band (N)		News (N)		News (N)	TMZ CC
	WJLA 7	News (N) CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Men in Trees "Sweatering It Out" (N)		Women's Murder Club (N) CC		(:02) 20/20 (N) CC		News (N) CC	(:35) Nightline (N)
	WUSA 9	News (N) CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Frosty-Snowmn	Frosty Returns	Movies Rock! Celebrities celebrate the relationship between music and film.				News (N) CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	Judge Judy (N)	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	★★ "Agent Cody Banks" (2003) Frankie Muniz, Hilary Duff. CC				To Be Announced	Every-Raymond	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	My Music: Doo Wop Love Songs				Viewer Favorites			Real Age Make
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week	Inside Wash.	Bill Moyers Journal (N) CC		My Music: Doo Wop Love Songs			
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Eve. Exchange	Bob Marley and the Wailers Live! CC			BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy CC	Two/Half Men	Friends CC	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC				Family Guy CC	Friends CC	Two/Half Men	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files CC		CSI: Miami "Stalkerazzi" CC		CSI: Miami "Man Down" CC		CSI: Miami "Broken Home" CC		CSI: Miami "A Grizzly Murder" CC		CSI: Miami "Triple Threat" CC	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC		Natural World "Big Sky Bears"		Orangutan Island	Orangutan Island	The A-List (Series Premiere) (N)		Animal Cops Houston CC		Orangutan Island	Orangutan Island
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)			Hell Date CC	"American Dream" (2007, Biography) Mike Jones. CC				Keyshia Cole	Keyshia Cole	Hell Date CC	Hell Date CC
	Bravo	(5:30) Top Chef Holiday Special		Christmas in Rockefeller Center		★★★ "Hurricane" (1999, Drama) Denzel Washington. Boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter is wrongfully imprisoned.						★★★ "Hurricane" (1999, Drama)	
	Comedy	(5:00) ★★ "Cadillac Man" (1990)		Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Chappelle's Show	Chappelle's Show	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Comedy Central's Last Laugh '07	
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		Cops CC	Cops CC	Most Shocking		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice		North Mission	LA Forensics
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman CC		Giant Squid: Caught on Camera		Man vs. Wild "Patagonia" (N)		Man vs. Wild "Desert Survivor"		Everest: Beyond the Limit	
	DISCH	Code Blue "Baptism By Fire" CC		Trauma: Life in the ER "Total Divert"		Untold Stories of the E.R. CC		Dr. G: Medical Examiner (N)		Skeleton Stories "Basement Burial"		Untold Stories of the E.R. CC	
	Disney	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Wizards-Place	★★ "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen, Elizabeth Mitchell. CC				Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana
	E!	Kimora: Secrets	Chelsea Lately	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	2007: Celebrities Gone Wild		Saturday Night Live CC		The Soup (N)	Soup Presents	E! News	Chelsea Lately (N)
	FX	★★ "Cradle 2 the Grave" (2003, Action) Jet Li, DMX, Anthony Anderson.				★★ "Gone in 60 Seconds" (1974, Action) H.B. Halicki, Marion Busia, Jerry Daugirda.					That '70s Show	Nip/Tuck "Damien Sands"	
	HGTV	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Save My Bath	Decorating Cents	Fun Shui (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Get It Sold	Parents House
	Family	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town CC		★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004, Fantasy) Voices of Tom Hanks, Michael Jeter. CC					★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004) Voices of Tom Hanks.		
	History	Mail Call CC	Our Generation	Stealth and Beyond: Air Stealth		Modern Marvels: Mackinac Bridge		Shockwave (N) CC		Human Weapon "Passport to Pain"		Dogfights "MiG Killers of Midway" (N)	
	Lifetime	Reba CC	Reba CC	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba CC	Reba CC	"Eve's Christmas" (2004, Comedy-Drama) Elisa Donovan, Cheryl Ladd. CC				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV	Beauty and the Geek CC		Beauty and the Geek CC		Beauty and the Geek CC		Beauty and the Geek CC		Beauty and the Geek CC		Beauty and the Geek CC	
	NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101 CC	Ned's School	Back, Barnyard	Avatar-Last Air	Tigre: Rivera	Full House CC	George Lopez	George Lopez	Home Improve.	The Cosby Show
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Affinity" CC		The Dresden Files "Hair of the Dog"		Stargate SG-1 "Crusade" CC		Stargate Atlantis "Miller's Crossing"		Stargate Atlantis "This Mortal Coil"		Flash Gordon "Ascension" CC	
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		★★★ "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995, Action) Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons, Samuel L. Jackson.					
	TBS	Friends CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	★★ "Bewitched" (2005) Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell. Premiere. CC				Sex and the City	Sex and the City
	TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	Fashionably Late With Stacy London		What Not to Wear "Courtney C."		What Not to Wear "Mail Call" (N)		Fashionably Late With Stacy London		What Not to Wear "Mail Call" CC	
	TNT	Law & Order "The Fire This Time"		Law & Order "Caviar Emptor"		★★★ "Cinderella Man" (2005) Russell Crowe. Down-and-out boxer Jim Braddock makes a dramatic comeback. CC						★★★ "Cinderella Man" (2005) CC	
	USA	Monk "Mr. Monk and Little Monk"		★★★ "Elf" (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. CC				Monk A man who is dressed as Santa.		Psych Gus' dad is a suspect. (N)		House "Games" CC	
	VHI	I Love the '80s: 3D ZZ Top videos.		I Love the '80s: 3D "1984"		I Love the '80s: 3D Phil Collins.		I Love the '80s: 3D "Three Amigos."		I Love the '80s: 3D "Moonstruck."		I Love the '80s: 3D "1988"	
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC		NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Detroit Pistons. (Live) CC					NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at San Antonio Spurs. From the AT&T Center in San Antonio. CC				
	ESPN2	Women's College Soccer: NCAA Cup		NFL Live CC	Football Live	College Football NCAA Division I Semifinal -- Appalachian State vs. Richmond. (Live) CC						SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	CSN	SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Washington Wizards. From Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.					SportsNite CC	SportsNite (Live) CC		Washington Post Live	
NEWS	CNN	(4:00) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		Out in the Open		Larry King Live Jack Hanna. (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor CC		Hannity & Colmes CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		MSNBC Investigates		5 Animal Attacks	Serial Killers	Predator Raw: The Unseen Tapes	
MOVIES	AMC	(5:30) ★★ "Raising Helen" (2004) Kate Hudson, John Corbett. 'PG-13' CC				★★ "She's Having a Baby" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Kevin Bacon, Elizabeth McGovern. 'PG-13'					★★ "The Frighteners" (1996) Michael J. Fox. 'R'		
	TCM	(5:15) ★★★ "South Pacific" (1958, Musical) Mitzi Gaynor. 'NR' CC				★★★ "Air Force" (1943, War) John Ridgely, Gig Young. 'NR' CC				(:15) ★★★ "From Here to Eternity" (1953, Drama) Burt Lancaster. 'NR' CC			
	HBO	(5:15) ★★ "My Super Ex-Girlfriend"		Inside the NFL CC		Mayweather	Mayweather	Mayweather	Mayweather	"Mr. Warmth: The Don Rickles Project" (2007) 'NR' CC			(:35) Costas NOW
	MAX	(4:50) Nighthawks	MAX on Set: Juno	(6:50) ★★★ "King Kong" (2005, Adventure) Naomi Watts. A beauty tames a savage beast. 'PG-13' CC						★ "Money Train" (1995, Action) Wesley Snipes, Jennifer Lopez. 'R' CC			
	SHOW	★★ "Into the Blue" (2005, Adventure) Paul Walker. iTV. 'PG-13' CC				★★★ "Cocaine Cowboys" (2006) Drug lords invade 1980s Miami. 'R' CC				Brotherhood (iTV) CC		Dexter (iTV) CC	
	TMC	Drop Dead Sexy	★★ "Fearless Fighters" (1973, Action) Chang Ching. 'R'			★★ "Land of the Blind" (2006) Ralph Fiennes. 'R' CC			(:45) ★★ "Lord of War" (2005) Nicolas Cage. A relentless Interpol agent tracks an arms dealer.				
	STARZ!	(5:30) ★★ "Shopgirl" (2005) Steve Martin. 'R' CC			(:20) ★ "The Covenant" (2006) Steven Strait. 'PG-13'			★★ "Click" (2006, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Kate Beckinsale. 'PG-13' CC				(10:50) ★★ "RV" (2006) 'PG' CC	
	ENCORE	(:05) ★ "Houseguest" (1995, Comedy) Sinbad, Phil Hartman. 'PG' CC				★★ "Little Man" (2006) Shawn Wayans. 'PG-13' CC			(:45) ★★★ "Glory Road" (2006, Drama) Josh Lucas. 'PG' CC				(:45) Tombstone

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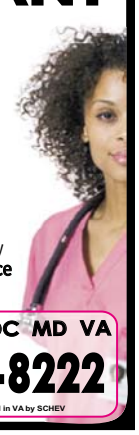

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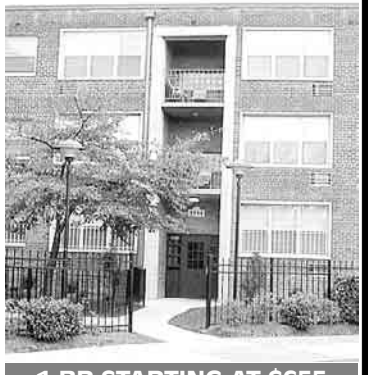

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Rudolph's Revival

Culture

Puppet stars from '64 TV classic are on tour for the holidays

They look terrific for a duo whose holiday act debuted 43 years ago.

Though one still carries around a spare tire of belly fat, it doesn't seem to have aged him, and the other is still a bright, shining guy despite some rough times.

Rediscovered and restored puppets of Santa Claus and Rudolph that were animated for TV's "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" are making holiday appearances, delighting fans of the special that has been a perennial favorite since its first airing in 1964. CBS aired it again on Dec. 4.

In the animated feature, inspired by the Johnny Marks song, Rudolph is laughed at and excluded from reindeer games over his glowing red nose. He finds acceptance at the Island of Misfit Toys before reuniting with Santa one foggy Christmas Eve.

"It's like meeting a celebrity, like meeting Clint Eastwood, or ['Batman' stars] Adam West and Burt Ward. These are icons," said Rick Goldschmidt, historian of the Rankin/Bass animation studio, who accompanied the 8-inch-high red-suited Santa and 4-inch-high yearling Rudolph with antler nubs to a comic book convention over Thanksgiving weekend.

PAUL VERNON/AP

Two years ago, the figures were acquired by current owner Kevin Kriess. Santa's face was stained, there was mold under his beard and half his mustache was gone. Rudolph was missing the red light bulb from his nose, said Kriess, a longtime fan of the special whose Harmony, Pa.-based business TimeandSpaceToys.com sells action figures and other collectibles based on movies and TV shows.

Kriess, 44, said he bought his two treasures from a person whose family had received them years ago from a relative who worked for Rankin/Bass. For many years, the delicate wood, wire and fabric puppets had been treated casually: first as toys and later as holiday decorations.

"They had Rudolph in a candy dish with candy all around him, just on a coffee table, and people would just reach in around Rudolph's body and pull out a candy cane or something," Kriess said. In the family's holiday photos, you could spot Santa slumped under a tree in a corner, he said.

Arthur Rankin Jr., who with producing partner Jules Bass created the "Rudolph" special for original sponsor General Electric, said the figures were just going to be thrown out, so his secretary took them home and gave them to family. No effort was made to preserve them, because no one imagined the show would become a hallowed classic.

"You make a film and you don't know whether it's going to work or not, whether it will have an audience," said Rankin, 83, reached by phone in Bermuda, where he is now retired. "In the case of 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,' it went beyond any expectations."

DOUG WHITEMAN (AP)

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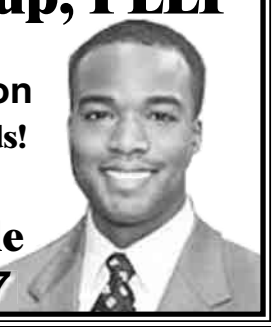

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MUSIC

Futurists Look Back

Dylan Thomas' poem "A Child's Christmas in Wales" features the words "noises as of old ... men wheezing in caves." That must have sounded like a description of the 21st Century Consort, which set the poem to music and will perform it Saturday at the Smithsonian's American Art Museum. | COMING UP

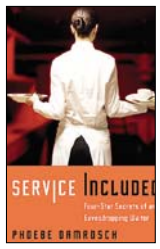
ENTERTAINMENT

Eye of the Storm

Terence Blanchard has won great acclaim for scoring Spike Lee's films, but the talented jazz trumpeter never set out to become a film composer. Blanchard talked to Express contributor John Murph about his new career before his Saturday Kennedy Center show. | ONLINE NOW

BOOKS

The Eavesdropping Waiter



Author Phoebe Damrosch describes her 18-month stint as a waitress in New York as "'Kitchen Confidential' meets 'Sex and the City.'" Damrosch spoke to Express contributor Glenn Dixon about her new book, "Service Included: Four-Star Secrets of an Eavesdropping Waiter." | ONLINE NOW

comment board

"**Once again,** the federal government is stepping in to reward greedy behavior and sucking tax money out of people who did the right thing to pay for the rewards."

COMMENTER CHRIS FOSTEL, WHO ADDED, "THE MORTGAGE LENDERS SHOULD [NEVER] HAVE RELAXED THEIR STANDARDS."

"**Most borrowers** are financially illiterate. Even bankers, economists and politicians do not seem to understand that exponential growth is not sustainable."

COMMENTER CHAOS THEORIST, WHO ADDED, "THEY ALL SHOULD HAVE LEARNED THIS STUFF IN THE EIGHTH GRADE."

"**There is no way** to hold borrowers responsible for the travesties associated with our economic crunch. It is all a conspiracy that leads to banks' getting richer and borrowers' [getting] poorer."

COMMENTER MARCUS LANGFORD, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WHO DESERVES MORE BLAME FOR PROBLEMS CAUSED BY SUBPRIME LOANS?"

poll center

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS (AS OF 5 P.M.)

WHO DESERVES MORE BLAME FOR PROBLEMS CAUSED BY SUBPRIME LOANS?

BANKS 52%	BORROWERS 48%

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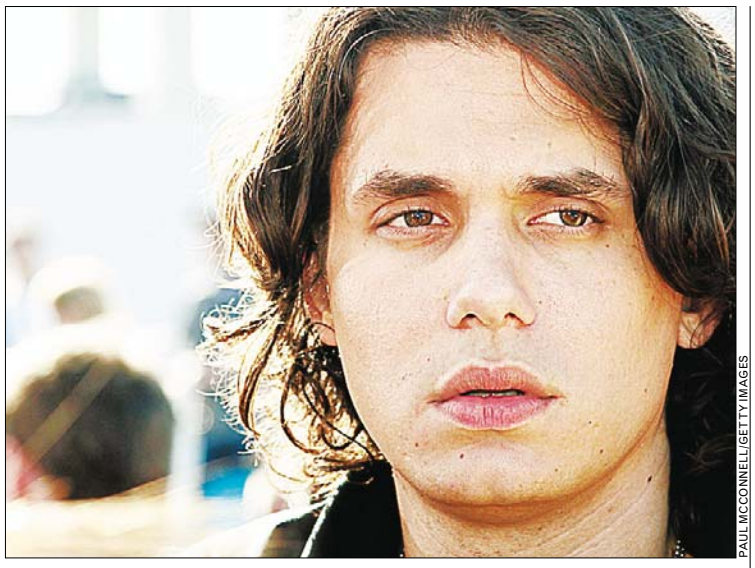
Blog LOG

"I walked in the door singing 'Winter Wonderland' and 'Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes.' Yeah, I'm a dork."

JOZAFF.BLOGSPOT.COM IS ALL JAZZED ABOUT THE AREA'S FIRST SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL.



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"'I've had a crush on you for two years'? ... Come on, [John] Mayer, at least come up with a better pick-up line."

ALL-CELEBRITY-GOSSIP.BLOGSPOT.COM REACTS TO WHAT MUSICIAN JOHN MAYER, ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK POST, SAID TO RICKI LAKE AT A HOLIDAY PARTY IN ORDER TO ROMANCE HER.

"**[MORE] WHOPPERS** are eaten on New Year's Eve than any other day (because you're already drunk, so why not?). Three cheers for the Whopper, and may those who eat it regularly last as long as it has."

ADWEEK.BLOGS.COM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF BURGER KING'S WHOPPER.

"**WHEN A SURVEY** ... shows that Americans are 20 percent less likely to vote for a Mormon for president than for a black or female candidate, I think [Mitt] Romney and his supporters have justifiable reason to be concerned about religious bigotry."

A **REDSTATE.COM** COMMENTER DISCUSSES THE GOP PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE'S SPEECH ABOUT HIS MORMON FAITH.

"**YOU GET THE FEELING** that the guy never leaves his house and watches all these shows just to bring them up at a time like this when everyone else is trying to have a good time. Avoid him at all costs."

VKSEMPIREOFDIRT.COM SAYS AT HOLIDAY PARTIES, THERE'S ALWAYS SOME GUY WHO TALKS ONLY ABOUT WHAT HE'S BEEN WATCHING ON THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL.

Discussions

Local Concerns

Post Metro columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday and talked about the snow, parking and parking tickets in D.C., and the homeless.

I have thought about writing my congressman about the parking ticket problem in D.C. If Congress steps in and puts a stop to the stupid idea of not being able to protest parking tickets, would you be happy or upset?

That's a tough one, but I'd have to go with keeping the status quo rather than going crying to Mama on the Hill. Just as it's appalling that a senator who didn't like the District's taxi zone system shoved his own preference down the throat of the city government.

On the day after the first snowfall, curmudgeon Marc Fisher gripes about school closings. Only it's not closings, its two-hour delays. Hey, it's icy out here! Better to wait two hours until some of it melts.

I don't understand the appeal of the two-hour delay, except to give teachers a nice morning in bed, which I grant you is a good and well-deserved bonus. The delays wreak havoc on parents, who still have to be at work at the usual time.

There is a Starbucks in Alexandria that is crowded constantly with men, none of whom seem to have jobs, do not speak English and make ogling contact with women. Why can't the management make them leave?

The problem is when managers toss out folks who are indeed paying customers and aren't bothering anyone, but just happen to look dirty and are dressed inappropriately for the weather or have big bags of belongings — folks who "look homeless."

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Post NFL editor Cindy Boren discusses Thursday's Redskins-Bears game and all the latest Redskins news. **washingtonpost.com/discussions.**

DON'T

PLAN FOR BRIDGE WALK IN THE NEAR FUTURE. The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Walk has been canceled for the next two years, due to ongoing repair work. Maryland transportation officials concluded it would not be safe for the 50,000 participants.

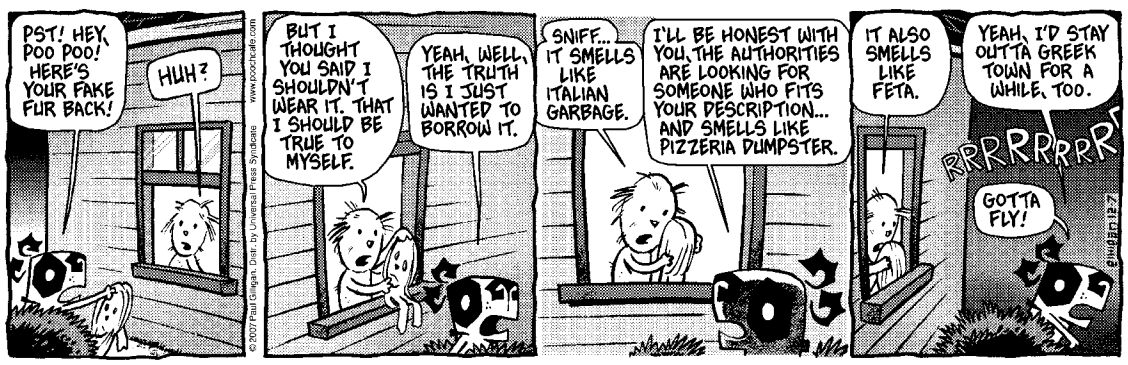
Look out

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

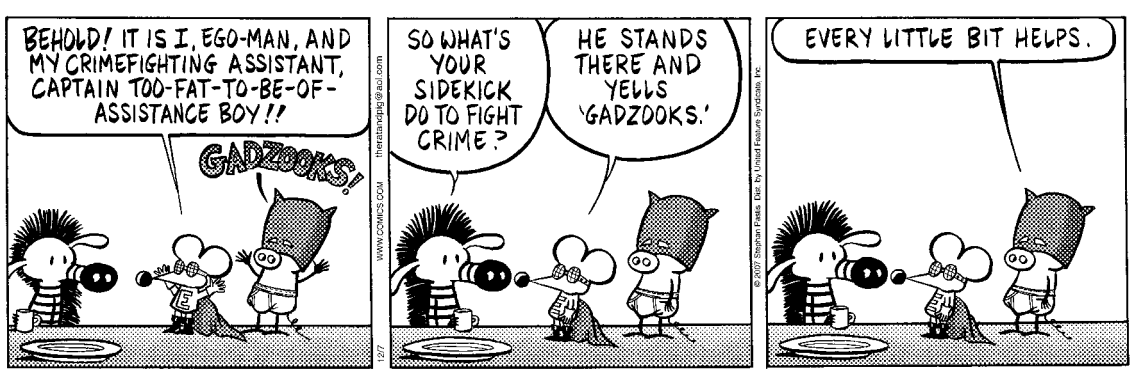
Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"I've tried everything to make this relationship work. He still won't leave his wife."

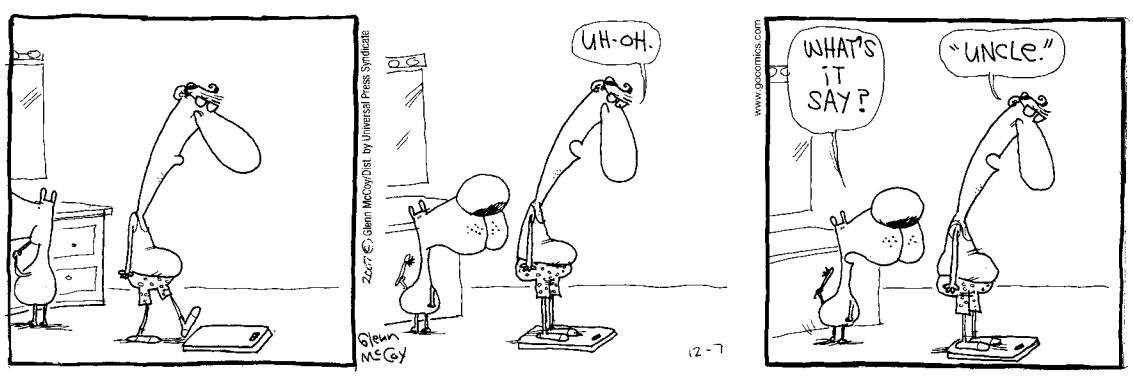
Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone close to you knows just how to bring more excitement into your life. You may have been expecting it, but this is the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Underlying tensions must not keep you from surging forward when given the chance. Separate domestic and professional concerns.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may not be able to take things to the proper people along the proper channels, but with some creativity you can pass along information effectively.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You'll have everything going according to plan until someone throws a wrench in the works by having his or her timing all off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid emotional outbreaks, especially when those around you are becoming heated and overwrought. You can be a source of calm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Despite the annoyances a certain endeavor is likely to bring, you're going to want to stick with it until the bitter end.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) How others respond to you may take you very much by surprise, but you can ride this wave of popularity for quite some time if you choose.

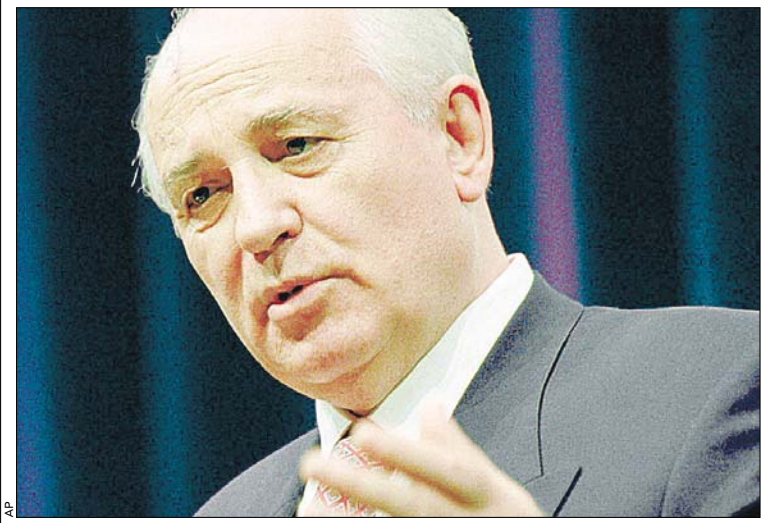
CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's likely to prove more difficult than you expected to give someone more than they ask for — as much as you may want to do so.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Just because you are able to get angry doesn't mean you have everything someone else wants. The easy emotions aren't enough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What are you trying to gain? If you can answer that question, you can reorganize your efforts to maximize your desired gains.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are getting far too wrapped up in all the petty squabbles that are going on around you. Try avoiding such situations if possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A touch of the unexpected can work wonders for you — just when you thought you were getting bored. Evening finds you involved.



AP

Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev first set foot on U.S. soil on this day in 1987.

Today in History

1787 Delaware becomes the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

1907 The first Christmas Seals to help the fight against tuberculosis are sold.

1941 Japanese forces attack American and British territories in the Pacific, including the base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor.

1982 Convicted murderer Charlie Brooks Jr. becomes the first U.S. prisoner to be executed by injection, at a prison in Huntsville, Texas.

1987 Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev sets foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a summit with President Reagan.

Correction:

Thursday's Weekend Pass gave the wrong price for the 21st Century Consort's performance of "A Child's Christmas in Whales." It costs $16 to $22.

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Look out | People

AP

If it's blurry, it must be a celebrity!

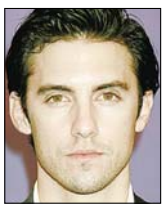
VIDEOS

Frolic in Stream Results in Grainy Video

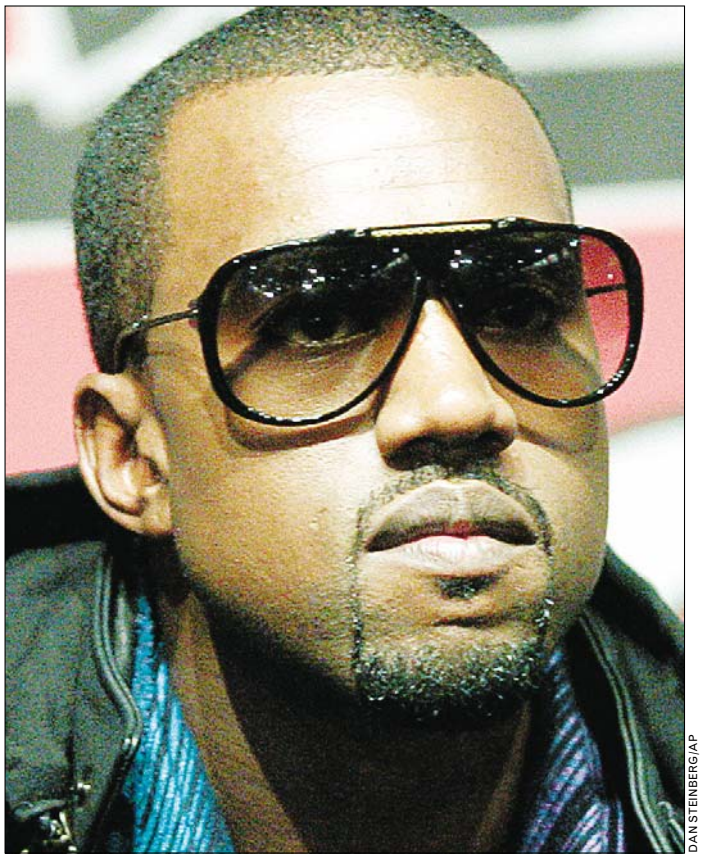
Lima, Peru, gossip program "Magaly TeVe" aired video Wednesday night of **WOODY HARRELSON** and **OWEN WILSON** in the Andes, bathing in an irrigation ditch in their boxers, pouring handfuls of water over themselves under the highland sun. (AP)

DIPLOMACY

World Turns to 'Heroes' Actor for Peace in Mideast



MILO VENTIMIGLIA once again saved the world on "Heroes." "It's funny how that always falls on my shoulders," he says. In the second season finale, his character, Peter Petrelli, destroyed a killer virus. (AP)



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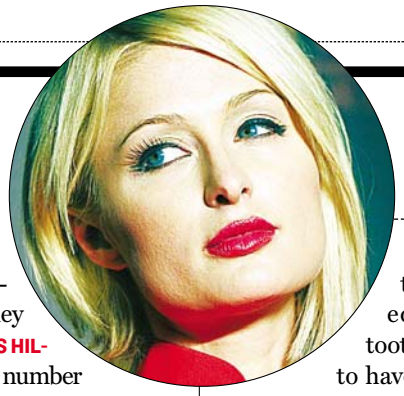
HOLIDAYS

Happy Grammy

KANYE WEST received a leading eight Grammy nominations Thursday, while Amy Winehouse scored six after months of personal problems. Other nominees included the Foo Fighters, Jay-Z, Rihanna, Paul McCartney, T-Pain and Timbaland. (AP)

TRASH

Hilton's Used Kleenex Worth Less Than Spears'



It's that wonky eye that keeps her down on eBay.

eBay users wanted more of Britney Spears than **PARIS HILTON** this year. The number of Spears-related items sold at the online auction site totaled 34,345, compared with 27,377 items associated with Hilton. Items associated with Spears ranged from signed CDs to disposable lighters featuring her likeness. Among the Hilton-related items sold: a toothbrush claimed to have been found in her trash. Fragrances were the most popular product category sold for Spears and Hilton. Both fared better than Lindsay Lohan. Her name was associated with only 8,099 items sold. (AP)

PAJAMAS

Posh's Baggy Sleep T-Shirt Feels Betrayed by Her Lies

VICTORIA BECKHAM goes to bed naked. "You don't sleep with David Beckham," she told Elle. "I'm going to be naked if I'm getting in bed with him every night!" The Beckhams and their three young sons moved to Los Angeles this summer. "I'm very proud to be British, but here it's a lot more relaxed," she says. "It's the happiest as a family that we've ever been. I just love America." (AP)

SIGNIFICANCE

48 Is 24 Times Two, Numerologists Point Out

KIEFER SUTHERLAND was sentenced Wednesday to 48 days in jail for racking up a second drunken-driving arrest in three years and immediately reported to a Los Angeles lockup. The "24" star was processed at the Glendale city jail. (AP)

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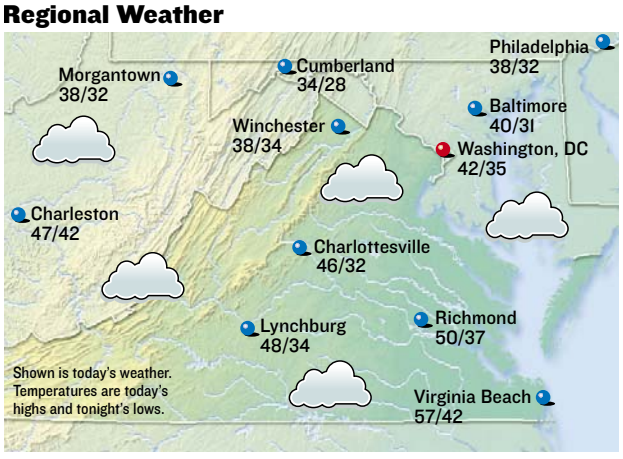
Kiefer has six letters; so does prison!

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy, rain possible	Cloudy, a chance of rain
42°	35°	48° / 36°	49° / 42°	52° / 40°	49° / 42°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	34°
Low	23°
Normal high	50°
Normal low	34°
Average humidity	52%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.11"
Month to date	0.52"
Normal month to date	0.60"
Year to date	30.17"
Last year to date	46.27"
Normal year to date	36.90"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

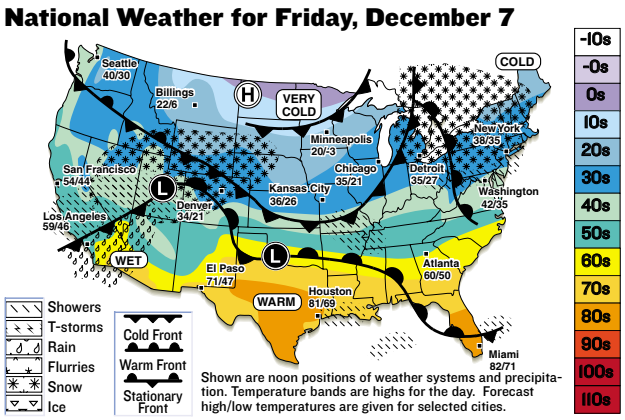
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy. High 42. Wind southwest 4-8 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 35. Wind light, variable.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:13 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:46 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:26 a.m.
Moonset today	3:03 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Dec 9	Dec 17	Dec 23	Dec 31

National Weather for Friday, December 7



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	60/50/pc	68/56/pc
Boston	38/32/sn	40/30/pc
Chicago	35/21/c	29/23/sn
Dallas	78/64/pc	77/53/pc
Denver	34/21/i	26/7/sn
Honolulu	81/67/r	81/67/sh
Los Angeles	59/46/r	58/44/sh
Miami	82/71/pc	82/69/s
New York City	38/35/c	45/33/pc
Orlando	80/58/pc	82/62/s
Seattle	40/30/s	39/27/s

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	55/41/sh	42/37/r
Athens	57/50/c	61/50/pc
Berlin	50/35/r	41/30/c
Buenos Aires	81/64/pc	84/63/pc
Calgary	17/1/s	15/6/pc
Dublin	46/39/sh	50/41/sh
Geneva	50/39/r	40/36/sn
Moscow	32/25/c	30/27/c
Rome	57/53/pc	58/40/t
Sydney	83/71/sh	81/75/c
Tokyo	57/41/pc	54/41/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Puzzles | Look out

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ACROSS
1 Means of escape
6 Adoption agcy. of a sort
10 Barn baby
14 Kodak competitor
15 Puerto Rico or Guam (Abbr.)
16 Nose-scruncher
17 Big name in aluminum products
18 Certain Mideast habitant
19 Additionally
20 Foolishness at work?
23 Miscalculate
25 L.A. campus
26 Kind of pod?
27 It comes straight from the horse's mouth
28 Dress code matter
30 Trails
32 Brave type of pilot
34 Indy figure
35 Zeta follower
36 Snooker stick
37 Extremely quiet teenager?
43 Turndowns
44 To and ___
45 Genesis of a plan
46 Extinct flightless bird
48 Rounded hammer part
49 Joie de vivre
50 Bloodline extender
51 Sellout letters
53 Ticker tape letters?
55 Energy unit
56 Counter at a candy factory?
60 Francoise, to Francois
61 Spanish painter of melted watches
62 Rust component
65 "Separate Tables" star Deborah
66 Couple, in gossip
67 Gambling and drinking, e.g.
68 Our starting point?
69 Prescription basic
70 Mrs. Mertz on old TV

DOWN
1 It's in chains
2 Paint base, sometimes
3 Arizona gunfight site
4 Hurricane casualty, often
5 Typical bureaucratic botch-up
6 Unsustained, in music
7 Dijon dad
8 Arts companion?
9 Shady shelter
10 Greenhouse gas culprit
11 Puts in lines, maybe
12 Go bonkers
13 Cold covering
21 Specks in the sea
22 Brightened
23 They sometimes need boosts
24 Sitar master Shankar
29 Recipe direction
31 Foot-in-mouth incident
33 Unearthly
36 Football Hall of Famer Larry
38 Roundup loop
39 Leisure
40 Those enjoying the life of Riley, stereotypically
41 Approach
42 Bunch of toughs
46 Sure to fail
47 Scoring up a storm
48 Child's word after "one," "two" and "three"
50 Property marker
52 Overhauled
54 Simpson trial evidence
57 Bouquet extra
58 Shouts of approval
59 Illuminated sign
63 Pee ___ (river through the Carolinas)
64 Night sch. offering

Yesterday's Solution

S	T	A	R		H	A	R	P	O		B	A	R	A
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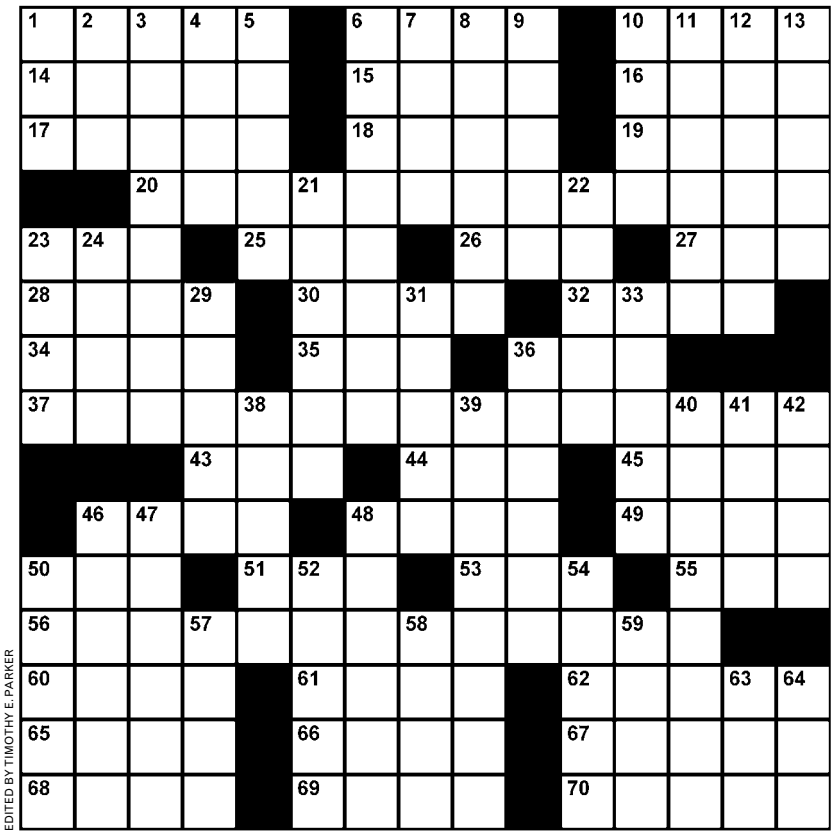

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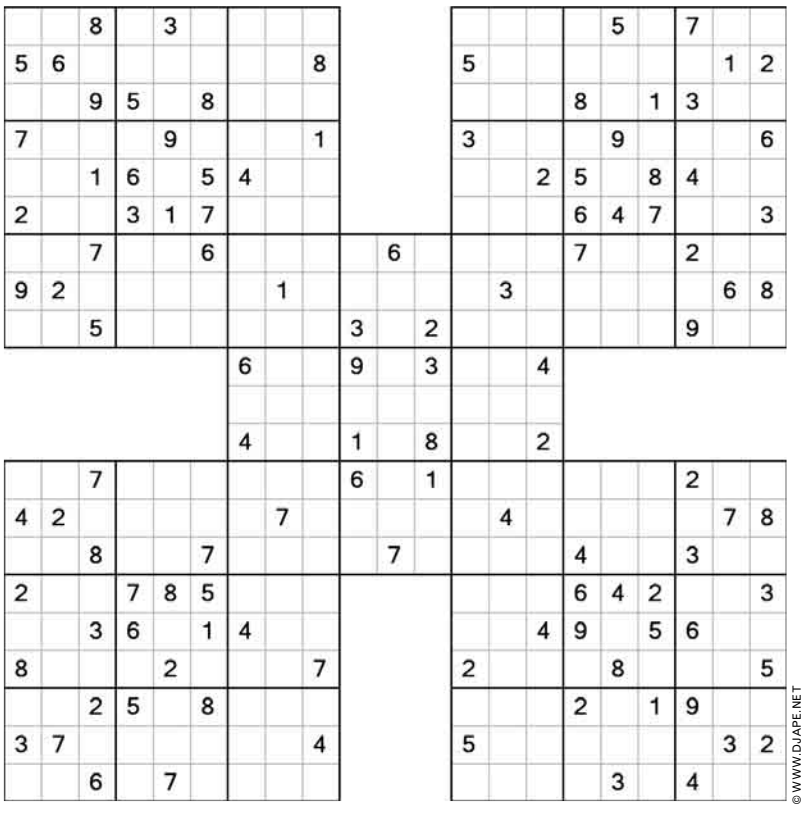
SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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Last Week's Solution

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8	5	1	9	7	4	6	3	2
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CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD

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	6		7	3		2		

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Yesterday's Solution

4	2	5	8	1	7	9	6	3
3	1	6	2	4	9	5	7	8
9	7	8	5	3	6	2	4	1
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1	3	7	9	2	5	6	8	4
8	6	2	4	7	3	1	9	5
2	8	1	7	9	4	3	5	6
6	5	9	3	8	1	4	2	7
7	4	3	6	5	2	8	1	9

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Need more Su|do|ku?
Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

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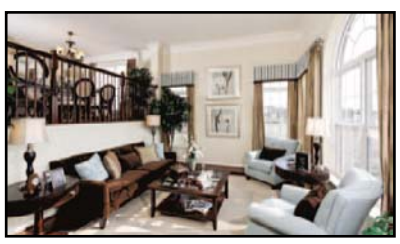

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Thom Filicia

HOST OF 'DRESS MY NEST,' INTERIOR DESIGNER

As one-fifth of the "Queer Eye" team, interior designer Thom Filicia spiffed up the homes of style-challenged dudes from surfers to mountain men. On his latest show, "Dress My Nest" (Wed. at 11 p.m.), now in its second season on the Style Network, he focuses his color-finding, furniture-refinishing and space-changing skills on the fairer sex.

On the show, you peek into women's closets for inspiration on redoing their pads. Why?
Their closets act as a springboards. Women are confident with buying cute shoes. They shouldn't be intimidated by what to do with their homes. It's about marrying a fashion aesthetic with decor.

Many of the people on "Dress My Nest" don't have huge budgets. What's the secret to cheap chic?
Know your style, and you can go out and get a few inexpensive things and mix them with expensive pieces.

What else should thrifty folks do when decorating?
Editing is important — sometimes it gives a whole new look. Lots of times, people just have way too many things. If you have five dining chairs, they don't always have to be out. Put one in a bedroom!

What gives you the biggest bang for the buck?
Paint is a great way to change both rooms and furniture. Find a claw-and-ball foot Chippendale chair, then paint it red or chartreuse and reupholster the seat. I've painted headboards on walls. A six-pack and a can of paint is a party!

What are your favorite spots to find inexpensive-yet-stylish stuff?
There are many options: West Elm, Room & Board, thrift stores.

What's the hottest decor look now?
Hollywood Regency, a gutsy take on traditional. It's mixes things like club chairs with tables from Ikea.

What's your own space like?
I've got two — an apartment in New York and a country house. The country house is an old 1930s place where I mix old and new. In the city, I use less modern, since my place is newer. To make something new have soul, you need to bring in older things to root it.

How do you keep your condo friendly to your dog, Paco?
There are certain places my dog knows he can't sit. But I like my dog more than my chairs, so he gets preferential treatment.

Any tips on holiday decorating that isn't cheesy?
Figure out what you have, like great crystal candlesticks. Put jet-black tapers in them — I love that for evening, with some red berries.

Is your fashion style anything like your interior style?
It depends on which house I'm in! Generally, I like to look classic with a modern edge. Right now, I'm wearing Diesel jeans, old wingtips and fun argyle socks.

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2 Out of Africa

WALLETS STITCHED of striped silk, glass beads worthy of belly dancers and enough butter-soft women's handbags to make Paris Hilton gasp fill Georgetown's new Tabar (1624 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-296-6336). Pumpkin-hued walls and bright paintings set the scene for Moroccan-made accessories like triangle-shaped bags ($95, above), plus swaths of colored silk to use as walls hangings or throws.

1 Season's Feetings

FLOR, MAKER of hipster, sticky carpet squares in styles from Warhol posies to Goth lace, is getting in on the holiday decor crush with seasonal tiles like the cheery red-and-orange Tannenbaum ($85 for four, Flor.com) and groovy snow-pattern Spiroflake. Party Dress, which comes in solids with Baroque scalloped edges, makes a mod tree skirt.

Grab Bag

3 Hot Tick

TWO DIALS ARE BETTER than one, at least on D.C. artist Jason Linde's wenge wood wall clocks ($110-$130, Homebody, 715 8th St. SE; 202-544-8445). The colorful neo-Rococo hand doesn't rotate, but the numeral-bearing milky plastic disks do, letting you know you're late for work in an extremely stylish way.

Good for You Brew

KNOWING THAT Orlio Organic beers, a new suds line from Magic Hat, are purer than most brewskis shouldn't inspire you to chug a six-pack ($9, Whole Foods in D.C. and Arlington). But the tasty, coffee-like black lager might tempt you to misbehave.

4 Farm Friends

THE VESSELS containing FarmHouse Fresh's Strawberry Smash ($20) and Sweet Cream Body Milk ($26, Farmhouse freshgoods.com) moisturizers could have glue in them, for all we'd care. A li'l jelly jar? A wee pitcher? Plus, the stuff inside smells like cotton candy!

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I'm in my final year of dental school and will soon be a resident. I'm going to my first grown-up job interview, in an uber-conservative field at a fairly conservative hospital. — MARIE

■ Manolo says, the Manolo has often thought about how difficult it would be to be the dentist, having to spend all day with your hands in other peoples mouths, repeating the mantras "wider please" and "this may sting the little bit." Few of your customers are happy to see you, everyone thinks you are

boring and people are always spitting around you. On the plus side, like the college professor, you get to carry on mostly one-sided conversations with people who would rather be anywhere else. By the way, the Manolo is worried up by his friend's use of the phrase "conservative dentist," which conjures up in his mind the image of Lawrence Oliver, holding the pair of pliers, while standing over Dustin Hoffman in the movie "Marathon Man."

In any event, the Manolo would recommend the Scorpio from Oh Deer ($129, Zappos.com) as being the reasonably priced, professional shoe with the little bit of flair.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Andrea wears a Porridge dress ($190, Nana, 1528 U St. NW; 202-667-6955) **and H&M earrings** ($5). **Flavius wears a Public Opinion sweater** ($125, Nordstrom Pentagon City, 703-415-1121) **and Joseph's Cloak shirt** ($199, Caramel, 1603 U St. NW; 202-265-1930). **Models T.H.E. Artists Agency. Hair and makeup by Richard Bernal. Photo by Marge Ely.**

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SPEND $3 TO MAKE THIS FIERCE PAIR OF EARRINGS — JUST LIKE THE ONES WE SAW FOR $25.

Home Economy

Make gifts that would cost a fortune at any design store

In the spirit that a little time and effort make any gift that much more special, Tom and I set out to create the DIY Duo's first gift guide. These easy projects bring some funk to the holiday season, and didn't completely empty our wallets. Two of our creations are above; you'll see the other two in next week's column.

DIY DUO

1 Dartboard End Table

Our condo's too small to play darts, so we decided to build this homage to Tom's favorite game. Stealing the idea of using plumbing pipes as a base from a friend, I headed to Home Depot, where I spent two hours staring at the selection of steel pipes and connectors — fitting them together, taking them apart, praying that somehow I'd find a combination to serve as table legs. When I finally called Tom, he figured out what we needed in about 90 seconds.

The base of our table is made up of nine pipes and six connectors, all ½ inch in diameter. The dartboard sits upon an H-shaped base, to which the legs are attached. (You can't see this part in the photo.) We made the two sides of the H by screwing four 5-inch pieces of pipe into the sides of two T-shaped connectors. The crossbar of the H is a 10-inch pipe, screwed into the remaining opening on each T-connector. The four legs — each 18-inch pipes — connect to the four ends of the H via 90-degree, elbow-shaped connectors.

To add the dartboard, we first drilled four holes for 1 ¼-inch screws in the H-shaped chassis. Since the plumbing pipes were a dull greasy color, we washed the whole setup and gave it a coat of black spray paint. Once dry, we drove screws through the base, into the dartboard.

A piece of 18-inch glass could be placed on top for a smoother surface; we plan to add that later. The metal grid alone is fine for a lamp, but drinks would be unsteady. And now we know: If our day jobs don't work out, we have a promising future fashioning bar furniture.

SHOPPING LIST

→ Dartboard End Table
One 10-inch pipe: $2
Four 5-inch pipes: $4
Four 18-inch pipes: $11
Two T-connectors: $2
Four elbow connectors: $3
Screws: $4 for box of 100
Dartboard: $20
Glass for 18-inch table: $32 at Reston Glass (703-860-2089; restonglass.com)
Max cost: $78

→ Guitar Pick Earrings
Two picks: $1.20
Two French hooks: $0.30
Needlenose pliers: $8
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2 Guitar Pick Earrings

The diamond ads are already out in force, but if your special lady's more punk than priss, spend $3 to make her this fierce pair of earrings — just like the ones we saw in a Santa Monica boutique for $25.

The Guitar Shop (1216 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-331-7333) is my go-to spot for the plastic triangles, but they're available at any music store. These picks were 60 cents each, but smaller ones can cost as little as 10 cents.

Uncurl a metal paper clip and heat the tip for about five seconds in an open flame, until the tip glows red. (Watch your hands while heating the metal.) Push the heated end through the pick, and a hole is born. Make sure it's close enough to the edge of the pick — about an eighth of an inch in — that you can fit the base of the earring hook around it. Just leave enough space so you can't accidentally burn through the edge, leaving a useless notch instead of a hole.

Thread a French hook (available for 10 to 15 cents per pair at crafts stores) through the hole, and pinch it closed with a pair of needlenose pliers. Ready to rock?

Julia Beizer and her fiance, Tom, guide newbies through basic home-improvement tasks in our pages a few times per month.

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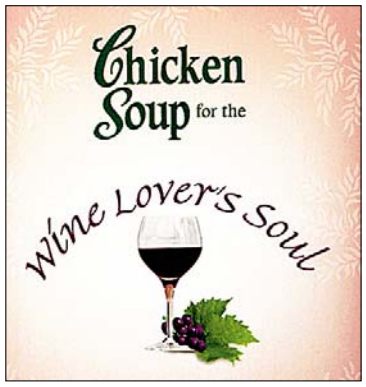

Out of soup? Read a hokey book.

A Cup, Glass or Chunk of Comfort

■ Twelve-steppers, disease-sufferers, nurses, "American Idol" fans. So many "souls" merit a soothing "Chicken Soup" book, it's a wonder we even have wars or domestic violence anymore. The latest four titles in the feel-good series aim to uplift lovers of chocolate, coffee, tea and wine ($15 each, Amazon.com). Um, don't these substances provide delicious comfort by themselves, whether devoured in big-as-Colombia (or Napa) gulps or in Hershey's snack-size bites?

Tackling caffeinated titles first, we found stories of folks who own pickups, live in small towns and have sick mothers/kids/pets, who find solace in cups of joe or tea. Corny first-person accounts reveal that stimulants, instead of being jitters-causing drugs, are really glues that hold society together.

Tales of chocolate and vino proved less syrupy, though the words, "muscat got your tongue," should never, ever have been put to paper. Still, chapters detailing worldly wine encounters — stomping grapes with relatives in Italy, slurping the stuff from a pouch in India — provided amusement for at least this chardonnay swiller. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

event horizon

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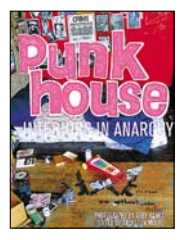
ABBY BANKS

HEY, HO, LET'S BRUSH: Shacking up in a punk group's house might cause even your dental hygiene habits to go hardcore.

Houses of Rockers

A wild book captures the homes of those about to thrash

Dishes, old bikes, toothpaste. Stickers, posters, the copious use of paint, skulls and found art. In glorious, garish color, these are the details photographed in "Punk House: Interiors in Anarchy" ($19, Abrams), a telling dispatch from a thriving but little-seen subculture. Abby Banks road-tripped to musicians' group houses in cities across the nation to do it; Sonic Youth's Thurston Moore wrote the forward. In Banks' intense images, these crash pads come across as hardcore Edens, models for communal living and outsider havens. Express spoke to her about how she went from punk-show ticket-holder to documentarian.



How did the project come about?
I was at a punk house in San Pedro, called the 4th Street House, that's no longer there. Then I was at a punk show, just hanging out, and they were saying they didn't know how long the house would be there. I was like, "This place needs to be documented." That night, I decided I had to go across the country.

Just like that?
It sounds dramatic, but I freaked out. I couldn't sleep. I started writing down everywhere I could go. I wrote letters to people I knew were interested in punk and underground houses, and asked for advice. I bought a truck and a camera and started traveling.

Did you have a book contract?
Oh, no, this was totally fueled by nothing. Just purely by being interested in these places.

Did you ever imagine it would end up as this gorgeous book?
That was a pipe dream. I thought I was gonna release it in volumes as a 'zine, but looking into printers, I realized I didn't have enough money to do it.

But you skipped D.C., hotbed of punk houses!
I wanted to go to the Dischord House, but we traveled for, like, three and a half months, and by the end of that time, we were exhausted. There are so many places I missed.

Q+A

What makes a punk house?
To me, it's usually a house shared by a bunch of people of like mind with a sense of humor. I think politics are a lot of people's lives — it's important to punk people. So, I think underground music, radical politics and a good sense of humor.

Did anyone turn you down?
Yeah, some people just outright turned us down. They said, "Don't come over; we don't want to do this." And some people, once we got to the house, there was something strange in the air, and they were like, "Are you guys with the government? Are you FBI or CIA?" And it's kind of hard to prove you're not working for the government. All I can say is, I don't think the government is interested in your dishes.

The scene has changed over the past 20 years.
It's got a different spirit, but that's an ongoing theme. Some of those houses are gone and ended in violent situations, but the sense of overall community and providing a space for their friends to be creative and open — I think punk has to do a lot with that. I don't think it's easily crushable, in the souls of these people. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

Holiday Gifts for Food Lovers

Free Range On Food

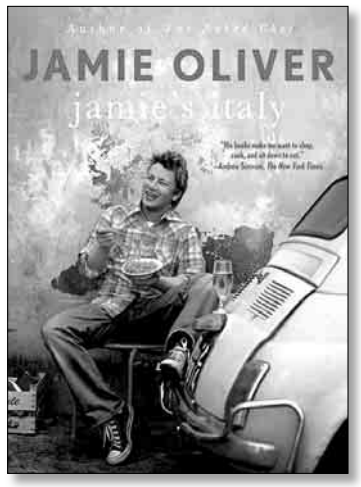
I am wondering if you have any suggestions for a fun cookbook gift for a guy who is just learning to cook. I'd like to give him something in the "quick and simple" genre that won't be overwhelming but will help him build his skills.

➜ I usually don't like "celeb chef" cookbooks, but I think Jamie Oliver's are great for guys. It's the tone that's just right — "grab a handful of this and loads of that." I think it's less intimidating than cookbooks that insist on 1/4 tsp. of minced ginger. The one I have is "The Naked Chef Takes Off" (it's his second book, I think).

Any suggestions for stocking-stuffer gifts (under $20 or so) for people who love to cook and probably have all the basic equipment?

➜ It's very inexpensive, but a range of squeeze bottles might be good. And some very good, pricey spices and chocolate — high-end ingredients that would elevate their cooking. I like those little silicone grab things instead of potholders, too.

I'm looking for a good cookbook for a male college student who loves to cook and loves meat. It doesn't need to be quick and easy, but probably not incredibly complicated. I think he would love one of Tony Bourdain's books, but that will probably be in addition to a cookbook, since those don't have many recipes.



Jamie's accent may break the ladies' hearts, but his cooking is guy-friendly.

➜ Any one of Bruce Aidell's books would be appropriate, especially his "Complete Book of Meat." The recipes span from classic to sophisticated. (I just bought his "Complete Book of Pork." Yum.)

I've been baking several different cookies lately and was wondering where I can find some great Christmas boxes or tins in which to package the cookies to hand them out as gifts? I'm aiming for something cute but inexpensive.

➜ I'm tin-crazy. I really think all the refrigerator, roll-out cookies, etc. stay best in them. I stalk the arts and crafts stores looking for tins. The prices are very reasonable.

For cookie tins, I saw a great idea: unused paint cans. You can get them in all different sizes; they're shiny silver, so can be easily decorated or kept simple; they have handles; and they need only a parchment and tissue lining.

➜ Sounds adorable. Great idea.

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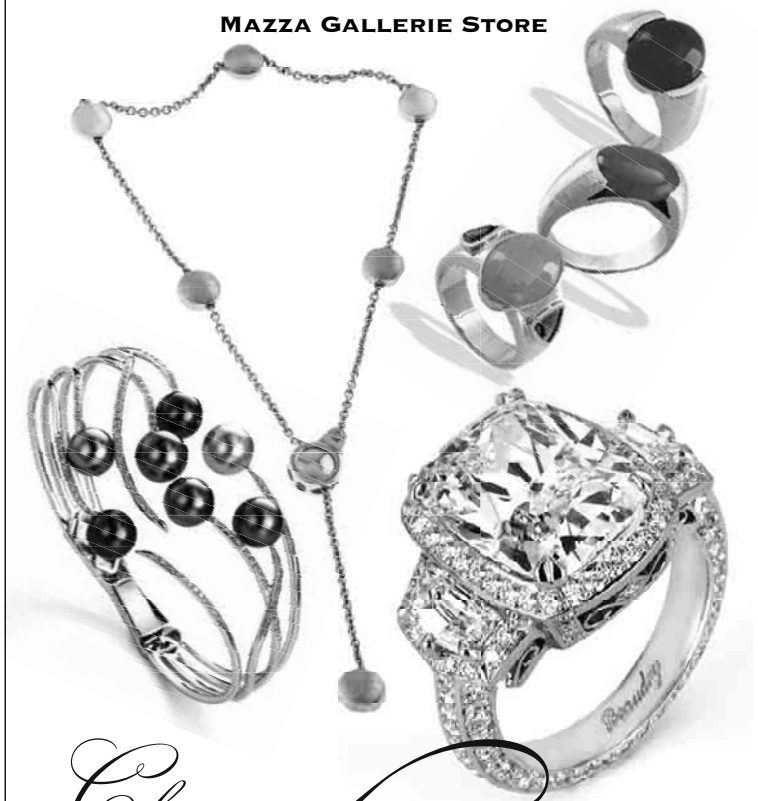

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Bash Decision

Office parties, New Year's fests, semiformal eggnog-
contests. The list of events you need to dress up for
of year could intimidate even Santa. But subtly festiv
— a wryly preppy vest for him, silver shoes for her
yuletide celebrations glow. For after-5 events, "the criti
is to change your look up," says Muléh's Christophe
"If a guy wears a suit to work, he could lose the tie
a pocket square." For gals, shorter skirts and metalli
under the mistletoe or on the dance floor. JENNIFER BARGER

her Wear too much red during the holidays, and you risk looking like Mrs. Claus. A cherry-hued silk blouse ($110, J.Crew stores) goes Studio 54-sleek, thanks to Ciel's hemp/silk shorts ($180, Setchi Eco Boutique, (1614 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-5570; Shopsetchi.com), Betsey Johnson lace tights ($20, Nordstrom Pentagon City), Lucite-and-chain necklace ($75, Betsey Johnson, Tysons Galleria, 703-442-3940), and Jessica Simpson's platform peep-toes ($89, Nordstrom Pentagon City).

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PRESENT PROFILES

It's all too easy to give a loved one what you'd want, rather than what they want. It's virtually instinctual, in fact — you didn't mean to buy a 13-year-old a flannel nightgown; it just happened. So, give our quiz to your intended recipients, then turn to the corresponding page for presents they might actually enjoy. For once.

JENNIFER BARGER, VICKY HALLETT AND HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

1 I like things more when they:

A | Talk when you press a button.
B | Smell like Grandma.
C | Unfold to reveal a screwdriver.
D | Glow in the dark.

2 When I see salt on snowy sidewalks, I think of:

A | N-Pepa.
B | Walking in a winter wonderland.
C | Deer.
D | Whether it would taste good.

3 The person who has influenced my life the most is:

A | Aaron Spelling.
B | Lord Byron.
C | My football coach — I couldn't have done it without you, man!
D | Weird Al.

4 My computer is a/an:

A | Wii.
B | iMac.
C | Abacus.
D | Amiga emulator.

5 Which conundrum most gnaws at your soul?

A | When will the writers' strike end?
B | Do gentlemen really prefer blondes?
C | Is eating rabbits wrong?
D | What if vampires are real? Would I be friends with them?

6 I value justice higher than mercy.

A | False. B | False. C | True. D | True

7 I plan to vote for ____ in 2008:

A | Fred Thompson.
B | John Edwards.
C | John McCain.
D | Ron Paul.

8 My favorite holiday tradition is:

A | Saying "Fra-gee-lay" at least once per hour.
B | Standing under the office mistletoe, eyeing co-workers seductively.
C | Plunging into the forest to hunt for and kill the tree.
D | Hanging the pickle ornament.

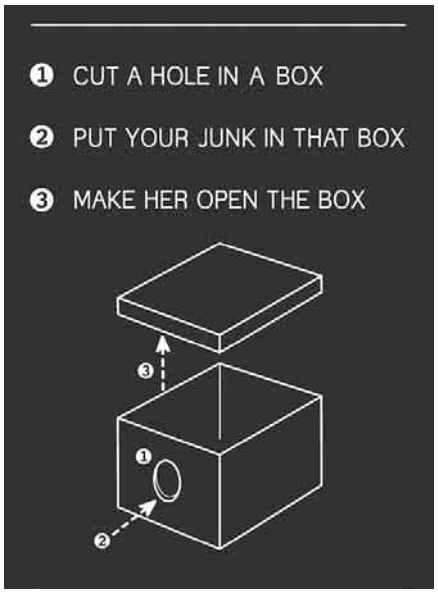
9 Right after an apocalyptic event, I would:

A | Look for famous people who've turned into zombies.
B | Rescue all the babies and repopulate the earth!
C | Do nothing — I've been preparing for this day my entire life.
D | Elect myself president and move to Mount Vernon.

10 I like to bake ____ for the holidays.

A | Gingerbread Pop-Tarts.
A | Gingerbread popovers with home-made muscadine marmalade.
C | Gingerbread hardtack.
D | Gingerbread figures from Greek mythology.

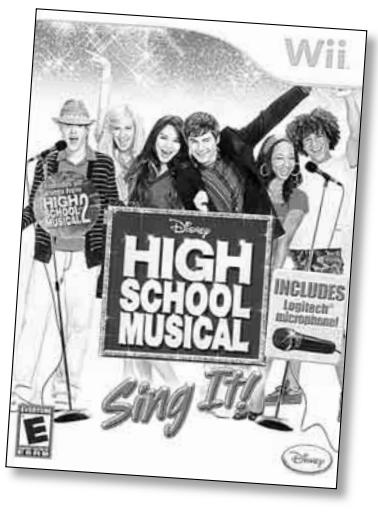
A LITTLE CRUSH
If Stewie, the Brit-accented baby from "Family Guy," can't put coal in your stocking, he'd like to crack your nuts. ($22, Amazon.com)



STEP IT UP
You'll be dressed to join the WGA picket line in a T-shirt recalling the best scene in recent "SNL" history. ($18, Bustedtees.com)

GOSSIP GLAM
Score the apparel of Blair, Serena and even Chuck (that's his tie, $50, Jpress.com) at Thecw.com's "Gossip Girl" site.

BECAUSE THEY ALREADY HAVE A 60-INCH PLASMA WALL-MOUNTED TV



HEAD IN THE GAME
Show up Sharpay with Wii's "High School Musical: Sing It." Pick a character and an outfit, then belt it out! ($60, Target.com)

TRUFFLE SHUFFLE
One-Eyed Willie never had booty as awesome as the "Goonies" action figures. ($17 each, Mezcotoys.com)

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WEARABLE HEART
She can keep pics of true loves, real and fantasy, close to her heart with fabric-covered lockets. ($48, Anthropologie.com)

NAUGHTY IS NICE
Truth or Dare ($17, Chronicklebooks.com) lets lovers roll a die, then fess up about stuff like bondage or perform feats like stripteases.

COLOR IT BEAUTIFUL
For those dreaming not of a white Christmas, but of a stint at a Paris art school, a paint-by-numbers clock provides low-angst inspiration. Brushes and paint are included. ($84, Rckndy, 1515 U St. NW; 202-332-5639)

AVANT BARD
Romeo and Juliet's love cut deep; cooks can, too, with a witty chopping board. ($12, Perpetualkid.com)

ROMANTICS SWOON FOR LACE, LITERARY LOOT AND GAMES OF SEDUCTION

MY SWEET THING
Wedding cakes or lonely-heart tarts look yummy on a stand decked out with faux lace. ($65, Homebody, 715 8th St. SE; 202-544-8445)

STARLET SO BRIGHT
Silent film stars? Rudolph Valentino admirers? Retro babes pout on iBride's lacquered trays. They're a glam home for jewelry or cocktails. ($42 each, Rckndy)

11 For my employer's holiday party, I'm wearing:

A | I can't go — I just got the "Gilmore Girls Complete Series Collection," though I'm pretending seasons 5 and 7 never happened.
B | A corset over a Merry Widow.
C | A tie shaped like a sea bass.
D | Sunscreen.

12 I named my Rottweiler:

A | Triumph, as in the Insult Comic Dog.
B | Austen, as in Jane.
C | Austin, as in Stone Cold Steve.
D | Twinkle.

13 I drive:

A | A Camry with a "My other car turns into a robot" bumper sticker.
B | A Beetle AND a Mini. I switch off.
C | A Land Rover Defender with hydraulic winch, snorkel and dog guard.
D | My Roomba.

14 My worst medical fear is:

A | Amnesia.
B | Consumption.
C | A burst appendix while in the wild — so I had the thing removed, just in case.
D | Flesh-eating bacteria.

15 My hobby is:

A | Comparing my Netflix queue to my friends', and finding theirs wanting.
B | Stalking my cute eye doctor.
C | Fire.
D | Organizing my books according to the Dewey Decimal System.

A | RECLINER. Hey, La-Z-Boy/Girl — you're an indiscriminate consumer of popular culture. You really should watch less television.

B | ROMANTIC. Your dreams are wholly inconsistent with reality. Remember, in the era of "Pride and Prejudice," there was no running water, birth control or penicillin.

C | ADVENTURER. The toughest challenge you face is Beltway traffic — but you know you could jump the median in a hurricane to rescue a baby trapped in a burning car, if you had to.

D | ECCENTRIC. You have unusual interests, such as transit systems, and an active imagination. Ignore the advice "just be yourself" at parties.

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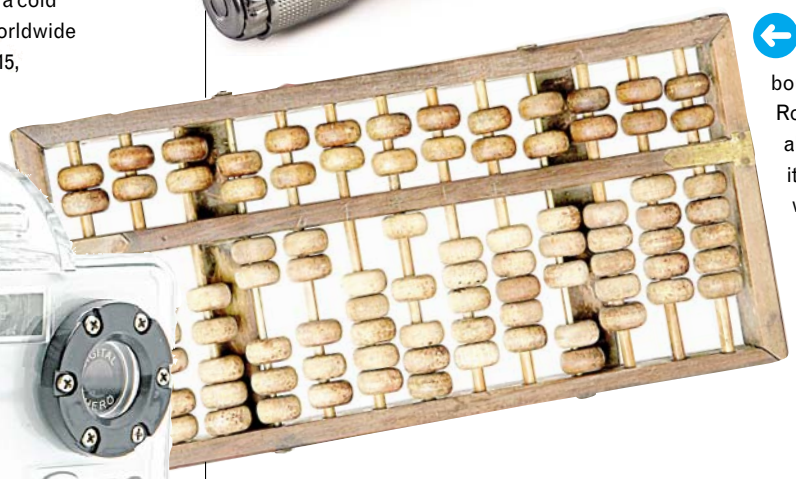
TREK STARS
For jaunts into the wild sans guilt, give 'em Paz Apparel's recycled canvas hat or bag ($59 and $100, Pazapparel.com). Sales benefit the Rainforest Alliance.

FLAME ON
Had somebody given the guy in Jack London's "To Build a Fire" a windproof lighter, he wouldn't be a Popsicle. ($6, Restorationhardware.com)

BUCK STOPS HERE
For photos of hunts with Dick Cheney or hikes with Sierra Club buds, try this metal frame, which could also hold recipe cards for venison chili. ($13, Tabletop, 1608 20th St. NW; 202-387-7117)

WAIST HIGH
Even survivalists need to pop open a cold one sometimes, an act made easier by Worldwide Fred's ruggedly useful Beer Belly Belt. ($15, Perpetualkid.com)

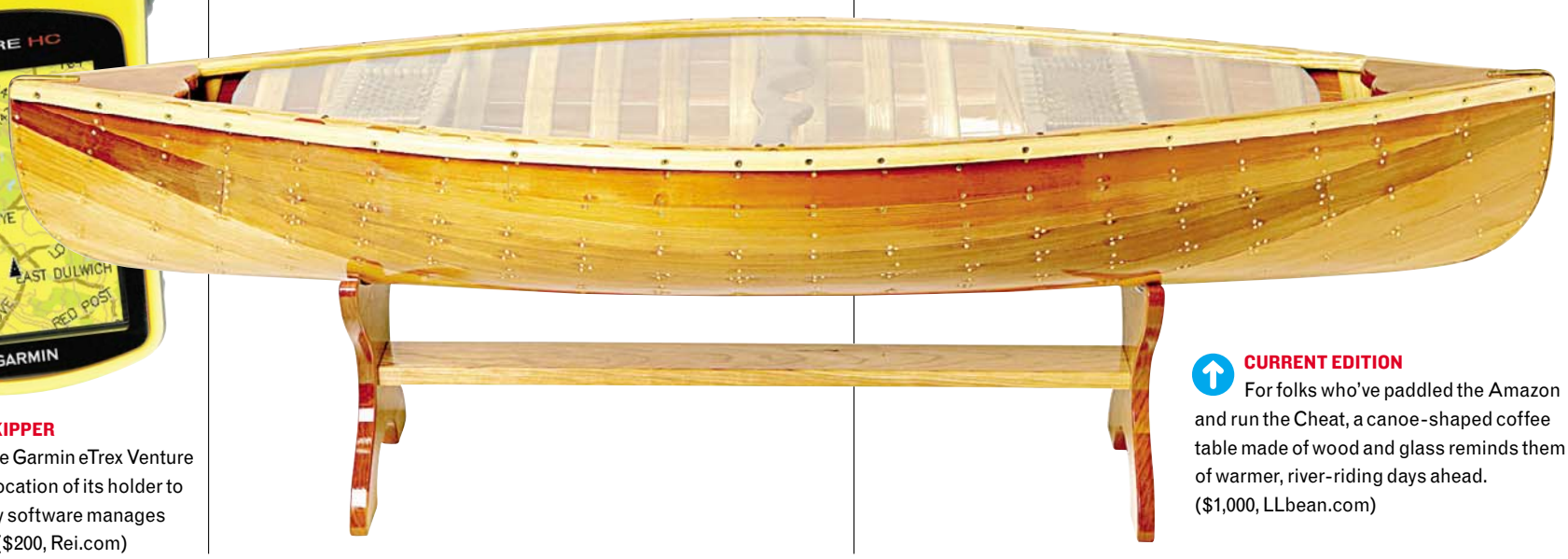
INTO DEEP?
GoPro's Digital Hero camera makes every week "Shark Week." The wrist-strap gizmo shoots photos and video of the finned and fanged to a depth of 30 feet. ($139, Llbean.com)



ASIA MAJOR
Like something bought on the Silk Road, an antique abacus makes its owner look worldly and helps him count. ($110, Dragonfly, 1457 Church St. NW; 202-265-3359)

ADVENTURERS DIG ROAD-READY GEAR, NATURAL WONDERS AND WORLDLY GOODS

OFF-THE-GRID SKIPPER
The ultra-accurate Garmin eTrex Venture GPS can pinpoint the location of its holder to within three meters; city software manages streets A to W, sans J. ($200, Rei.com)



CURRENT EDITION
For folks who've paddled the Amazon and run the Cheat, a canoe-shaped coffee table made of wood and glass reminds them of warmer, river-riding days ahead. ($1,000, LLbean.com)

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LENS FLAIR
In steampunk fiction, you might find a wooden computer or blimps as public transit. Put on these German goggles ($24, Restoration Hardware stores) and live the dream.

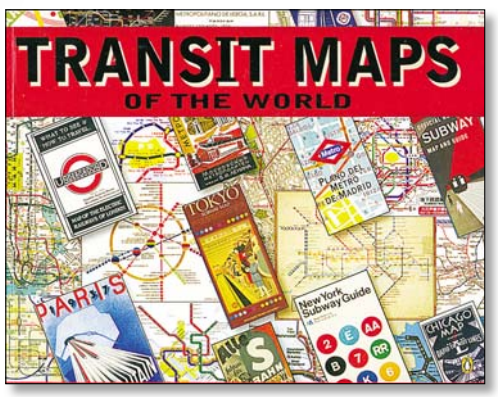
CAT ATTACK
To some, felines are family. To others, they are nature's finest huntresses. To you, they're ammunition. Each Cat-A-Pult fires four. The even more evil Baby Shower shoots infants. ($10 each, Fredflare.com)

PACKIN' HEAT
Hot Pants reusable hand warmers negate the need for gloves, which can impede gadget use. There's a pistol version, too, called Hot Shot. ($6 for two, Perpetualkid.com)

SAW TOO
If this cheese knife could saw through a padlock, it would be even better. If padlocks were made of Parmesan, that would be fine, too. ($28, National Building Museum Shop)

FLY BARS
The glowing bars on this battery-powered men's tee ($30, Thinkgeek.com) detect the presence and strength of wireless networks. That means no more waving your laptop around while cursing.

DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM? BAFFLED BY HER? THESE PRESENTS WILL PROBABLY PLEASE



MAP QUEST
Aww, Atlanta's subway system is so tiny, I want to put it in my pocket! Is that a map, Oslo, or an Etch A Sketch? Oh, silly Kiev. ($25, Penguin)

SHAVE FREAK
Those who obsessively pick those tiny fuzzballs off their sweaters already have issues. Might as well speed it up with an alien-looking thingy. (Piripicchio clothes shaver, $38, National Building Museum Shop, 401 F St. NW; 202-272-7706)

FUN INSIDE
There's a party within this 15-inch laptop bag — the Labour Party! The lining of Crumpler's "Tony Blair Retirement Special" ($80, Crumplerbags.com) depicts the handsome visage of you-know-who. Now he can follow you anywhere, just like he did with Bush.

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Media For All Minds

We don't own stock in Amazon — if only we did! — but the site's a pretty good way to accomplish all your holiday shopping in an hour. (And if you're too lazy to even do that, there are always gift cards.) Give the people you like the most the heaviest, fanciest, priciest box sets of the year; give the ones you only sort of like a single book or CD; and give those you don't like at all a Kindle. (EXPRESS)

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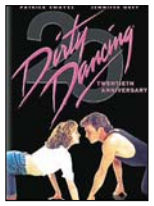


➜ **ROMANTIC:** Pop in "Dirty Dancing: 20th Anniversary Edition" ($20) to glimpse steamy deleted scenes and a tribute to the late Jerry Orbach (Baby's dad).

➜ **ADVENTURER:** Even when you're stuck at home, view the wonders of the world captured on "Planet Earth" ($80), the BBC series.

➜ **RECLINER:** Recall the pre-Carson Daly days with "Heeere's Johnny" ($100), a 12-disc set.

➜ **ECCENTRIC:** "Dexter," the first season. Because you can't get more eccentric than a sociopathic, asexual, crime-fighting serial killer.

CDS

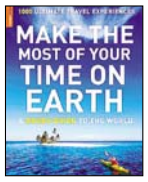
➜ **RECLINER:** The moody, eclectic "Twin Peaks" soundtrack was a '90s hit. Now, Season 2's music is finally available. ($14.

➜ **ROMANTIC:** Is it hot in here, or is that "Love, Luther" ($50) playing? The four-disc set offers the sultry sounds of Luther Vandross.

➜ **ADVENTURER:** Like her dad, Ravi, before her, Anoushka Shankar proves her sitar skills on "Breathing Under Water" ($18). The blend of Bollywood and electronica is truly transporting.

➜ **ECCENTRIC:** A box set of German baritone Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau's music samples the best lieder singer of his generation. ($42)

BOOKS



➜ **ADVENTURER:** Rough Guide's "Make the Most of Your Time on Earth" ($30) lists 1,000 pre-death trips.

➜ **RECLINER:** Fans might actually think "Star Wars: A Pop Up Guide to the Galaxy" (by Matthew Reinhart, $33) is better than the movies.

➜ **ROMANTIC:** That saucy Nigella Lawson's "Nigella Express" ($35) gets the pre-kissin' cookin' out of the way.

➜ **ECCENTRIC:** Among your choices: "Hot Pink Flying Saucers and Other Clouds" by the Cloud Appreciation Society ($10), "A Field Guide to Household Bugs" ($12) and "How to Live With a Unicorn" ($13).

Gift Guide 2007

You Take, Take, Take

If you missed one of our exhaustive (and exhausting — these things don't write themselves, you know) gift guides, find Nov. 16's Green Giving Guide and Nov. 30's Gadget Guide at Readexpress.com. We are so sick of the word "guide." Next up: experiential giving Dec. 14 and last-minute gifts/stocking stuffers Dec. 21.

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BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS

Sheree Brice, Marcus James

Sheree, 30, is an accountant. Marcus, 24, is a wellness associate. They live in Upper Marlboro.

■ **The Main Event:** An informal ceremony on the shores of Ka'anapali Beach in Maui on Jan. 6. Sheree will walk to "You Are So Beautiful" by Babyface.

■ **How They Met:** Though they crossed paths at the gym, they didn't officially meet until a cruise with mutual friends. "We talked and got to know one another," says Sheree.

■ **First Date:** Dinner at Johnny Rockets.

■ **How He Proposed:** After dining out, Marcus pretended something was wrong with the car. "I faked like I was checking the back right tire," he says. "I knocked on the window and asked her to come out. Then I did my thang."

■ **Their Song:** John Legend's "So High." "The words describe our feelings perfectly," says Sheree. "We are on cloud nine."

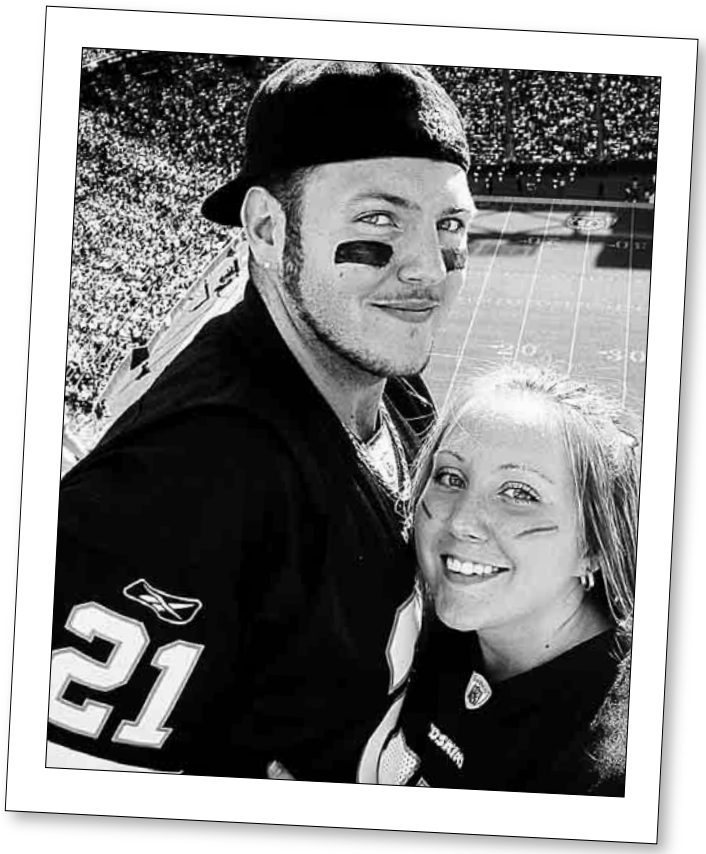
■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Her workout tights that make her look like Robin Hood." "Those holey T-shirts that he doesn't want to let go of because 'they are comfortable.'"

■ **Pet Names:** "Hers is Ma or Mama," says Marcus. "Mine is Boobie."

■ **Making It Unique:** "We will do a song-and-dance performance for each other," says Sheree.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "I'm afraid Sheree will trip while walking on the beach and will mess her dress up."

"There's just something about her. I'm a blessed man!"

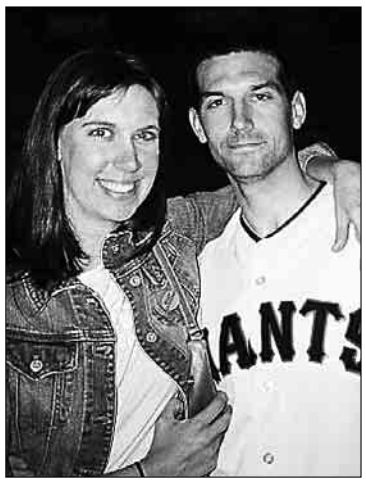


Ready? Say Cheese!

The night before **DANIEL WHITTAKER** proposed, he and fiance **LAURA BORDELON** weren't feeling picture-perfect. "We got into a small argument over Daniel taking a photo of a girl singing in a band on my camera," Laura recalls. But when Daniel posed on one knee in Ocean City for a snapshot with pals, she wasn't nearly so bothered. "I was in so much shock, I didn't say 'yes' right away," she recalls. "I didn't believe him, because he had pretended many times before to ask me to marry him."

Daniel wasn't kidding this time. On May 10, "Cheeky" (Daniel) and "Sugie" (Laura) will tie the knot at a Spotsylvania church in a traditional ceremony. A memorial candle will be lit during the reception for Laura's late father. "I'll also have a picture of him tied to my bouquet," she says. The couple will honeymoon in Orlando, and their itinerary includes swimming with dolphins.

Laura, 22, is a deputy clerk at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Daniel, 22, is a service worker in the Office of the Senate Sergeant at Arms. They live in Fredericksburg.



Brendan Graham Lindsey Todd

Brendan, 27, and Lindsey, 27, are both doctors in residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. They live in Silver Spring.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal Catholic ceremony in Houston on Feb. 16.

■ **How They Met:** Both needed to fill out forms at the Army Officer Basic Course for medical students. Brendan didn't have a pen; Lindsey had four. "Sensing he was too proud to ask for a pen," says Lindsey, "I extended one in his direction."

■ **First Date:** Brendan invited Lindsey to a movie with a group, but he knocked on her door solo. "I asked where the others were and he said, 'What others?'"

■ **How He Proposed:** Brendan was going to pop the question at Disneyland, but when Lindsey cared for his sick brother the night before they were to go to the park, he "decided the question couldn't wait."

"I realized that with his passion and knowledge, life would never be boring."

■ **Their Song:** When Brendan told Blue October's Justin Furstenfeld that "18th Floor Balcony" was their song, the singer put his arms around Brendan and told him to never let Lindsey go.

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** Brendan's godfather will officiate, Lindsey's great-aunt will perform the marriage blessing, her sister is baking the cake, and her aunt and uncle made the invitations.

Diana Dobbins Michael Johnson

Diana, 33, is an international health coordinator for the Peace Corps. Michael, 39, teaches entrepreneurship at a D.C. charter school. They will live in Bowie.

■ **The Main Event:** Their March 22 ceremony in Greenbelt will be officiated by Mike's father, a pastor. A dressy reception will follow; Mike hopes "Best of Slow Jams" will be on the DJ's play list.

■ **How They Met:** Match.com. "Sometimes you get 'surprises' with the Internet," says Diana. "This one was a pleasant one."

■ **First Date:** Dinner at the Cheesecake Factory, followed by "Dream Girls." Mike doesn't like to wait at eateries, says Diana, so "we started at a Maryland restaurant and went to a couple in D.C. before eating in Arlington two hours later."

■ **How He Proposed:** At dinner for Diana's birthday, Mike gave her a proposal poem.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** The Push-Up Fight. "Mike was doing push-ups and thought he could encourage me to do them with him by hurling me from the couch to the floor," says Diana. "OK, 'hurling' might be an exaggeration."

■ **When She Knew:** "When he met the men in my family and told them he planned on being around for a long time," says Diana. "My uncles were giving me the thumbs-up after meeting him."

■ **Their Song:** Anita Baker's "You're the Best Thing Yet." "Every time I hear it, I think how Diana changed my life," says Mike.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** Mike has one fear: "that my brother or father will get ahold of the mic at the reception."

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